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Board Okays $71 Million Budget, Dedicates Wing

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists' efforts to accelerate Bold Mission Thrust worldwide began to take realistic shape at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

In a crowded three-day schedule, the board approved 45 new missionaries to set a new mark for missionary appointments in a single year, approved a record $71 million budget and dedicated a new office wing to handle the increased flow of Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers.

A committee of 15 board members was named to begin seeking a successor to Baker J. Cauthen, who will retire at the end of 1979. M. Hunter Riggins Jr. of Poquoson, Va., will head the search group, made up of six lay and nine ordained persons, to find a successor for the board's long-time executive director.

Other actions opened work on Mauritius, a 720-square-mile island in the Indian Ocean; welcomed the sponsorship of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, by European Baptists; and honored 13 retiring missionaries with a cumulative total of 500 years of overseas service.

Throughout the meeting, repeated references were made to Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention's plan for a dramatic step-up in proclamation of the gospel both at home and abroad.

The 1979 foreign missions budget of $71,181,429 represents an increase of more than $7.7 million over that of the current year. More than $61 million will pay for foreign missions operating costs and $8 million will go for capital allocations. About $1.5 million was set up in a special contingency fund as a protection in case income should fall below estimates.

Because of inflation, the decline in value of the American dollar abroad and the growing number of missionaries, more than 55 percent of the budget is needed to support the missionaries sent overseas. An additional three percent is earmarked for missionary housing abroad under the capital needs section.

Both reminiscences and aggressive advice for the future marked dedication of the new 39,380 - square - foot

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Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen (left) and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, joined Baker J. Cauthen in dedication ceremonies for the $1,510,272 addition to the Foreign Mission Board's home office building in Richmond. Attention in the building's new lobby focuses on an 8-foot revolving metal globe and a seven-panel mural, visible behind the three leaders. The mural depicts people and places from the eight areas of the world where Southern Baptists have missionaries. At the same meeting Cauthen announced his plans to retire as the board's executive director at the end of 1979. Douglas Hudgins was dedication speaker.

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THEME:

"Reach Out. . .And Touch. . ."

November 13-15, 1978

Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi (13)

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi (14-15)

SCRIPTURE: *"Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man" (Mark 1:41, NIV).*

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

MONDAY EVENING:

7:30	Musical Worship and Welcome	
7:45	Convention Call to Order	Robert Hamblin
7:50	Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws	Robert Self
7:55	Convention Recess	

THE CALL

"Reach Out. . ."

TUESDAY MORNING:

. . . For the Saviour. . .

". . .A woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed" (Matthew 9:20-21, NIV). 'Who touched me?' Jesus asked, When they all denied it, Peter said, " master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.' Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.' " (Luke 8:45-48, NIV).

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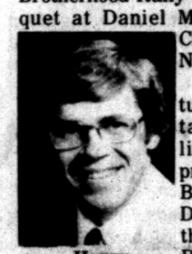
Allen Coming Twice

Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, speaks during a press conference at the SBC in June in Atlanta. Allen, also pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., will be in Mississippi twice in the near future. He will speak to the state Baptist Student Convention in Jackson this coming weekend. Then on Nov. 15, Allen will address the Mississippi Baptist Convention at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Includes Short MBC Session

State Brotherhood Rally To Offer Mission Reports

The annual Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Rally opens with a banquet at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.



Henry

The banquet features light entertainment by William E. Thorn, president of Dallas Baptist College in Dallas, Tex., and the Hometown Reunion Barbershop Quartet from Jackson.

Following the banquet will be an evening session of inspiration and mission information. The program opens with Clint Nichols, New Orleans Seminary music department chairman, who will lead in music.

Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will interpret the program.

Then a slight change from previous years of rallys will be a 15 minute session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention during which the convention will be called to order and the committee on constitution and by-laws make its report.

This short session fulfills constitutional requirements for operation of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, according to Jim Keith, chairman of the order of business committee.

The rally continues with a view of participation missions from the perspective of a family unit, a church group, an associational group and a state-sponsored group.

Harrell reports that statistically, more than 600 Baptists in Mississippi have participated in mission trips in 1978. He says he learns of others with regularity.

Following these reports, a number of projects which need to be undertaken in 1979 will be presented to the group.

Closing message for the evening will be by Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. He will speak on the motivation of men to be on mission for Christ.

Tickets must be purchased for the banquet which has limited seating. However, the evening session of the rally is open to anyone.

Tickets for the banquet are $3 per person. Deadline for ticket orders is Nov. 8. Harrell reports that for the last two years, tickets were sold out prior to the banquet. Tickets can be ordered at: Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Thorn

Nichols

Hometown Reunion Barbershop Quartet

Foreign Board Appoints Mississippians

RICHMOND, Va. — Three couples with Mississippi connections were among 45 named as new missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board during its October board meeting here.

David and Linda Finnell will serve in Malaysia/Singapore where he will be a seminary teacher. Currently he is minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church of Benbrook, Fort Worth, Texas. He also is attending Southwestern Seminary there, working toward the doctor of education degree.

Born in Lexington, Ky., Finnell also lived in Dallas, Texas; Jackson, Miss.; and Tupelo, Miss., while growing up. He attended Memphis (Tenn.) State University and Hinds Junior College, Raymond, Miss. He was graduated from Millsaps College, Jackson, with the bachelor of arts degree; and from Southwestern seminary with the master of religious education degree.

He served with the Air National Guard and was part-time associate minister of youth at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

The former Linda Lipscomb, Mrs. Finnell was born in Jackson, the daughter of Irene and Jasper Lipscomb. She received the associate of arts degree from Hinds Junior College and the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi State University, Starkville. Her mother is an employee of the Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

She served as a summer missionary to Trinidad, West Indies, under the Foreign Mission Board. Most recently she was an elementary teacher at Saint George Elementary School, Fort

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'Show And Tell'

Missions Must Be Done At Home: Brooks Wester

A "Show and Tell" program of volunteer missions at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Oct. 12, featured a number of Mississippians who have been involved in mission work in a variety of ways.

The program took a panel discussion approach, crowding in nearly a dozen persons who have been participants, adding several convention board staffers for a question and answer period.

Small group discussions were continuations of the panels wherein most present had been missions participants. One layman said that he had led a construction crew to build a church and "never heard a cross word. On a construction crew, that's something," he said.

Other short testimonies were shared in small groups. One reported her group paid its own way overseas and that "we haven't missed a dime."

Another didn't want to go on a trip but "I could not pray without praying for Bold Missions and I was not happy until I surrendered to go," she said.

Still another reported after a mission to Washington, D. C., "My eyes were opened to home missions."

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and chairman of the Southern Baptist convention Executive Committee, told a small group that "Bold Missions as we've come to see it is away from where we are — that's not the case."

He later told the full assembly of about 70 persons, "Bold Missions will go no further around the world than it goes in your local church."

He envisioned the year 2000 where perhaps "Bold Mission Thrust will be looked back on as one of those grandiose ideas Baptists are capable of but which never reached maturity." Wester reiterated the idea that missions must be done at home, not just away from home.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board closed the evening's program with a message about missions. He outlined several problems facing Bold Mission Thrust. "Perhaps there's a loss of why we got to where we are," he said.

Never Take Place

"Bold Missions in itself can never take the place of what Southern Baptists have been doing in past years in winning the world," he said.

"If the world is to be won its by people who are willing to plant their whole lives . . . identify with the people," he said, adding that Southern Baptists must never forget the "lifeline . . . which is the Cooperative Program."

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Some Missionaries Leave, Others Remain In Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Three Southern Baptist missionary couples and a missionary journeyman have left Beirut as the result of extensive fighting between Christian rightist militia and the Syrian peace-keeping forces.

The missionaries planned to return by mid-October if fighting subsided. Some other missionaries plan to leave Beirut if a cease-fire, which began late Saturday, Oct. 7, after a summit meeting between the presidents of Lebanon and Syria, does not hold up. Thirteen missionaries and their seven children and one volunteer remained in the country as of Oct. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Tome R. Hayes of Louisiana and Oklahoma and their two children have gone to Cairo, Egypt. Other missionary personnel went to Amman, Jordan. These include Mr. and Mrs. Mack L. Sacco of Illinois and Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Craigmyle of Indiana and Maine; and journeyman Russell Wayne Futrell of Louisiana. The Saccos had their four children with them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Nicholas had left Beirut earlier to serve the English language congregation in Ankara, Turkey, for two to three weeks. The church's pastor, James F. Leeper, had been asked to leave the country because of residence permit difficulties which had also resulted in a brief imprisonment for Leeper. Leeper's family is staying in Ankara while efforts are being made to obtain permission for him to return to Turkey.

Some newspaper accounts call the recent fighting the most devastating in the country's four-year history of civil unrest. Estimates indicate as many as 700 may have lost their lives during the first week of October alone.

Southern Baptist missionaries are

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'Temple Of Bacchus' Certified As Church

WELLS, Me. (RNS) — The "Temple of Bacchus" which will feature a six-days-a-week "feast" for member diners has won recognition as an independent church by the State of Maine.

As a consequence, the $15-a-head "feast" will allow member diners to write dinner off as a tax deductible donation.

The temple is affiliated with the Universal Life Church, which ordains clergy by mail.

The Temple Bishop said the idea of serving feasts in the Temple of Bacchus six nights week came in a "divine revelation" shortly after the town had barred establishment of a restaurant.

An excerpt from a puppet show is presented by teens from Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport. The group performed this past summer through a Home Mission Board assignment at Vail, Colo.

Jackson To India To Spain

Mississippi Missionaries Open New Areas Of Work

By Indy Whitten

When Dr. and Mrs. John McNair and two small children, Mark and Heather, left Jackson, Miss., for medical work in India in 1974, nobody could have possibly predicted that by September, 1976, they would be in Spain and that in just two short years later would be opening up two entirely new areas of service.

If 1974 the Spain Mission had plans for the McNairs to stop by on their way to India and give a musical concert, but because of entry permit delays, they flew directly to India. The Mission was disappointed but also was inspired by written accounts of the McNairs' leaving from the Jackson airport. Especially did the group empathize with Kathy's Dad's remarks in the moment of departure, "Kathy, you be the best missionary on the field!"

One day in Sept. 1976, a cable came saying that because of visa difficulties in India John and Kathy were being transferred to Spain. Their arrival date was Sept. 10, 1976, (a very "cold" day for them in contrast with India's heat), and this coincided with the many dramatic changes in the Spanish political system. John came with the hope of securing a position as medical professor in a Spanish University Medical Center, but at the same time all realized that no other missionary in the whole of Europe ever held such a position — much less Spain!

To adjust to India and then to Spain in four years is a tremendous piece of flexibility, though the McNairs don't seem to bother too much about that part of it. Such adjustments entail getting set up in living arrangements, getting the children in school, learning the language, and adjusting to a new culture.

From the start John and Kathy were in great demand as they sang together. Ir three months after their arrival in Madrid, they gave a mini-concert in Spanish at the inauguration of the Baptist Center building.

Miraculously, doors opened in Madrid for John McNair to accept an honorary but active professorship in the field of Neuroanatomy and Neuropsysiology in the Medical Center of Madrid's Autonomous University, (in this case "honorary" means noncompetitive with Spanish doctors, and non-remunerative). Dr. McNair, who holds a Ph.D. in Anatomy, will begin teaching the first of October, 1978, and will be collaborating with medical research teams in brain research.

Kathy McNair, a brilliant soloist, has a degree in Music Education with special interest in work with children. She will use her talents not only for concert work but in the program of music education in the churches of Spain.

The McNairs have a vision of helping open a second new field — that of a spiritual ministry among professors and university students. They feel that the Lord provided them an ideal location to live, just a few blocks from the Medical Center. Their plans are to use their home, which is most attractively decorated with art treasures from India, to minister to professors and students as they share their faith in Christ.

In just two years John and Kathy feel very much at home and are proficient in the Spanish language. They see the great challenge of life and service in Spain.

As someone said, "When God opens new doors of opportunity, he brings talented missionaries on the scene to walk through those doors — even if He has to bring them all the way from India."

Of the 32 career missionaries in Spain, seven are natives of Mississippi and several others have strong Mississippi "connections." In jest the group from Mississippi has said, "We should change the name of our Mission to 'Mississippi Missionaries to Spain. . .and a few others'!"

More seriously, John and Kathy and all those serving here depend on Mississippi love and prayer support in a special way.

A tribute to the parents of these "pioneers." John is the son of Mrs. Sam McNair of Magee, Miss.; and Kathy is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin K. Lee, engaged in associational missions in the Pearl River Association. Kathy lists her birthplace as Picayune.

Indy Whitten is press representative of the Baptist Mission to Spain. She is a Mississippian.

Spanish Materials Needed: Agencies

NASHVILLE — Representatives from three Southern Baptist agencies in a recent meeting here emphasized their commitment to work together to produce needed materials in Spanish for hispanic groups living in the United States.

Persons involved in language missions work from the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board met for their first planning session to identify priority needs for materials.

"The Sunday School Board is ready to provide materials and to train leaders," said Robert G. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division.

He said first attention is being given to producing adult Sunday School materials and selected study courses books.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

New York (RNS) — The American Bible Society has published highlights from the Gospel account of the life of Jesus in the Navajo language. The booklet, Jesus Be'iina' Baa Hane, (The Life of Jesus) consists of 20 passages selected from the four Gospels, and is illustrated with line drawings. It is part of the Bible Society's "Good News for New Readers" program which makes Scriptures available in nearly 300 languages for people just learning to read. More than 100,000 people live in Navajo Indian reservations in southern Utah and adjacent areas of New Mexico and Arizona.

Milwaukee (RNS) — Oscar J. Naumann observed his 25th anniversary as president of the 400,000-member Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in special services at Mount Lebanon Lutheran Church here. His 25-year administration sets a record for continuous service for the Synod.

Albany, N. Y. (RNS) — The New York State Catholic Conference has praised as "truly a life-saving program" the state government endorsement of a $1 million allocation to aid pregnant teenagers and their children. The bill, passed by the New York legislature and signed by Gov. Hugh Carey, allocates $1 million to be used for all services needed by pregnant girls and their child. The funds cannot be used for abortion or abortion counseling.

New Orleans — Another previous enrollment record toppled this Fall at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as 1089 students enrolled for classes for the Fall term of the 1978-79 academic year. The final figure represented an increase of 50 students over the previous record of 1039 set last fall.

Kansas City, Mo. (RNS) — Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church has urged President Carter to endorse federal loan guarantees that would permit the reopening of a steel mill in Youngstown, Ohio. At the request of the House of Bishops, which met here, Allin asked the President in a telegram to support the proposal of the Ecumenical Coalition of the Mahoning Valley to reopen the Campbell Works and re-employ 5,000 workers idled since Sept. 19, 1977.

New York (RNS) — Most women professionals employed in Jewish schools believe that direct or indirect sex discrimination prevents them from advancing to executive and administrative positions, according to a national study by the American Association for Jewish Education (AAJE).

Dublin (RNS) — A call on the government to introduce controls on gambling in Ireland has been made by the spiritual director of Gamblers Anonymous, Father Thomas Fagan. Father Fagan, who described gambling as Ireland's "secret obsession," said that the hardship created by gambling was often hidden, and unlike the alcoholic, the compulsive gambler was better able to cloak his obsession. The controls which Father Fagan is seeking would curb the activities of bookmakers, and ban other forms of gambling such as slot machines.

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS) — Some 2,000 area Jews staged a demonstration as an exhibition of Russian art works opened at the Landmark Center here. They were protesting treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. The exhibit of about 150 paintings, drawings and other art works, never before seen outside of the Soviet Union, was arranged by the University of Minnesota.

Board Okays $71 Million Budget, Dedicates Wings

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addition to the board's home office building.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, cut the ribbon for the $1,510,272 wing. Standing near the 8-foot revolving metal globe that is the focus of the new lobby, she said it is significant that the hundreds of new missionaries who will pass through Richmond on their way overseas will pass by this symbol of the world's needs, a stylistic metal sculpture done by Pat Monk, an Alexandria, Va., artist.

Another feature of the new lobby, a seven-panel mural, depicts people and places of the eight geographical areas where more than 2,800 Southern Baptist missionaries now serve on more than 90 fields. Jack Woodson, a 50-year veteran artist and member of Richmond's Grace Baptist Church, relied heavily on the board's own photographs in creating the painting.

The new addition's third floor, built now to take advantage of cost savings in construction, will be finished out when needed for future expansion. When all three floors are in use, the new unit will provide 64 percent more space for the board.

The dedication speaker, W. Douglas Hudgins, a close personal friend of Cauthen, was obviously moved by the announcement a few minutes earlier of the executive director's retirement plans.

"I love this man and Southern Baptists love him," said Hudgins, retired executive secretary for Mississippi Baptists. "To me you've been one of the greatest Christians I've ever known, and I believe one of the greatest foreign mission secretaries Southern Baptists could possibly have," he told Cauthen.

Hudgins, president of the Foreign Mission Board, 1972-74, urged strengthened support for the Cooperative Program, the plan through which individual churches contribute to worldwide evangelism and other convention causes.

At the luncheon following the dedication, Russell H. Dilday, new president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, emphasized that each individual will be accountable for developing personal strategy to do his or her part in changing the world for Christ.

During its business session, the board appropriated $90,000 for hunger and relief funds for use in seven countries. The largest appropriation — $50,000 — will continue a project to help rebuild houses destroyed in a November 1977 earthquake in Argentina. Other appropriations for flood relief and clean water projects totaled $14,000.

Hunger funds totaling $26,000 will be sent to Iran, Nicaragua, Upper Volta and Chile. Nicaragua will receive the largest appropriation, $8,000. One-fourth of that amount has already been sent to the field on an emergency basis to help provide relief for victims of recent fighting in that country.

Foreign Board Appoints

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Finnells

Worth.

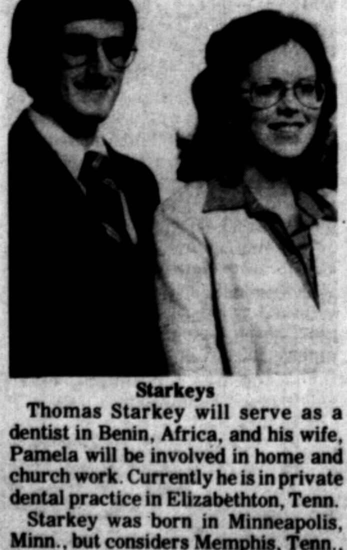
They have one child, Jonathan Shane, born in 1977.

Palmers

Assigned to work in Gaza, Phillip Palmer will be a physical therapist and his wife, Elayne will be involved in home and church work. Currently they are students and she is a recording technician at Southwestern Seminary. Most recently Palmer was a staff physical therapist at Hendrick Medical Center, and Mrs. Palmer was a teacher at Jackson Elementary School, both in Abilene, Tex.

Palmer was born in Waco, Tex., and also lived in Georgia, Gulfport, Miss.; Hawaii and California. He attended Baylor University, and was graduated from University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. During the summer of 1971, Palmer was a missionary in California, under the Home Mission Board.

A Fort Worth native, Mrs. Palmer is the former Elayne Russell. She received the bachelor of science degree from Baylor University.



Starkeys

Thomas Starkey will serve as a dentist in Benin, Africa, and his wife, Pamela will be involved in home and church work. Currently he is in private dental practice in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Starkey was born in Minneapolis, Minn., but considers Memphis, Tenn., his hometown. He attended University of Minnesota, and received the doctor of dental science degree from University of Tennessee Dental School, (now Center for the Health Sciences) Memphis. He also attended Southwestern Seminary.

The former Pamela Russell of Pontotoc, Miss., Mrs. Starkey attended Itawamba Junior College, Fulton, Miss., and East Tennessee State University, Johnson City. She has worked as a reservationist with a worldwide company and a fiscal clerk at State Technical Institute, both in Memphis.

They have one daughter, Tricia Claire, born in 1978.

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"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' " (John 20:27, NIV).

8:30	Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
9:00	Convention Call to Order	Robert Hamblin
9:05	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	Mark Beaver
	Scripture	James Street
	Prayer	Gordon H. Sansing
9:15	Vocal Praise	Clint Nichols
9:25	Organization of Convention	
	Recognition and Seating of Messengers	
	Report of Committee on Order of Business	Jim Keith
	Welcome to Jackson	Howard McMillan, Jr.
9:40	Congregational Praise	Mark Beaver
9:45	Bible Treasure	Bill Baker
10:00	Presentation of Business	
	Report of Committee on Committees	
	bresolutions Presented and Referred	
	Presentation of 1979 Budget	
	Recommendation of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws	Robert Self
10:30	Congregational Praise	Mark Beaver
10:35	Introduction of New Workers	Earl Kelly
10:50	Special Music	Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo
11:05	President's Address	Robert Hamblin
11:35	Benediction	Jim Futral

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

. . .For the World. . .

"We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you." (II Corinthians 10:13, NIV).

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV).

1:20	Instrumental Praise	Churchmen Bells
1:30	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	Wilson Henderson
	Scripture	Ed Holmes
	Prayer	James Scirratt
1:40	Vocal Praise	Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols
1:50	Bible Treasure	George Thornton
2:05	Election of Officers	
2:30	Special Feature: The Problems We Face (The Issues of Church and State)	
	The Infringement of the State	J. Clark Hensley
	The Response of the Church	John W. Baker
3:30	Congregational Praise	Wilson Henderson
3:35	Election of Officers	
	Miscellaneous Business	
3:50	Congregational Praise	Wilson Henderson
	Scripture and Prayer	Jim Keith, Alternate
	Convention Sermon	Joe McKeever
4:40	Benediction	Sam Mason

TUESDAY EVENING:

. . .For the Goal. . .

"Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14, NASV).

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith. . .")Hebrews 12:1-2, NIV).

6:50	Instrumental Praise	Brass Ensemble
7:00	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	Jim Watson
	Scripture	Howard Taylor
	Prayer	Van Hardin
7:10	Vocal Praise	Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols
7:20	Bible Treasure	Paul Brooks
7:35	Recognition of Missionaries	
	Chaplains	Willis Brown
	Home	Charles Myers
	Foreign	James Richardson
7:40	Congregational Praise	Jim Watson
7:45	State Convention Program	
9:00	Benediction	Ed North

Reception
Honoring Missionaries and Chaplains
Baptist Building

THE QUEST

". . .And Touch. . ."

WEDNESDAY MORNING:

. . . in the Name of Jesus

". . .'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well-pleased. Listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus" (Matthew 17:5-8, NIV).

"And when the men at that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed" (Matthew 14:35-36, NIV).

"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them. . ." (Mark 10:13, NIV).

8:50	Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
9:00	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	Neill Harris
	Scripture	Bill Duncan
	Prayer	Jan Cossitt
9:10	Vocal Praise	Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols
9:20	Reading of Minutes	
9:30	Bible Treasure	James Travis
9:45	Report of Committees	
	Nominations	
	Time, Place, Preacher	
9:55	Reports from Baptist Building	
10:30	Congregational Praise	Neill Harris
10:35	Convention Board Report	Raymond Lloyd
	Adoption of Budget	
11:00	Music	Blue Mountain College Singers
11:15	Message	Jimmy Allen
11:45	Benediction	Clayton Waddell

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

. . .For the Sake of the World

"A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all" (Luke 6:17-19, NIV).

"For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him" (Mark 3:10, NIV).

"Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked, 'Lord,' they answered, 'We want our sight.' Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him" (Matthew 20:32-34, NIV).

(12:00 - 2:00	Seminary Luncheons)	
2:05	Instrumental Praise	Accomapnists
2.15	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	Lloyd Mims
	Scripture	David Mayhall
	Invocation	John Couch
2:25	Vocal Praise	Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols
2:35	Bible Treasure	Paul Vandercook
2:50	Memorial Service	Clifton Perkins
2:55	Report of Education Commission	Kermit McGregor
3:25	Congregational Praise	Lloyd Mims
3:30	Report of Baptist Record Advisory Committee	Vance Dyess
3:35	Report of Committee on Resolutions	
3:50	Miscellaneous Business	
4:00	Report of Historical Commission	Ronald Tonks
4:10	Congregational Praise	Lloyd Mims
4:15	Special Music	Susan Lamkin
4:20	Message	Keith Parks
4:45	Benediction	W. R. Storie

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

. . . For the Kingdom of God

"People were bringing little chldren to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them" (Mark 10:13-16, NIV).

6:50	Instrumental Praise	Accompanists
7:00	A Call to Worship	
	Congregational Praise	George McFadin
	Scripture	Bill Rittenhouse
	Prayer	Bartis Harper
7:10	Vocal Praise	Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols
7:20	Bible Treasure	Penrose St. Amant
7:35	Report from the Seminaries	Milton Ferguson
7:50	Congregational Praise	George McFadin
7:55	Special Music	Mississippi College Concert Choir
8:10	Message	Clyde Fant
8:30	Benediction	Odean Puckett

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Evangelists Are Priority Need

Foreign Fields Send Plea For 1,451 Missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Missionaries on 92 fields are calling on Southern Baptists to reinforce their ranks with 1,451 new missionaries in the next 12 months.

The new personnel requests seek half again as many missionaries as the 2,832 already serving overseas through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

More than 70 percent of the job requests are in the evangelism and church development category, with general evangelists again heading the list of priority needs.

But the range of needs is wide, with requests being made for new personnel in 59 different kinds of jobs. These range from a food production specialist in Bangladesh to a French-language editor to help prepare printed materials needed in the French-speaking countries of West Africa.

Some mission fields waited years to fill critically needed jobs. So far this year, only five persons — two couples and a single literacy worker — have been sent for all of West Africa.

"This has been a lean, lean year for us," says John E. Mills, area secretary who coordinates the work of 328 missionaries in the nine countries in that sector. "We do have another couple and a single person being considered for appointment later this year, but our missionaries are asking us, 'Hey, what does all this Bold Mission Thrust really mean to us out here on the field?' "

They're still waiting to see Southern Baptists' commitment to Bold Missions, made at the denomination's national convention earlier this year, express itself in missionary appointments for their areas, Mills said.

This year's personnel requests include 315 general evangelists, 68 teachers for seminaries, institutes or Theological Education by Extension, 25 religious education promoters, 16 student workers, 15 musicians, 13 youth workers, 7 English-language pastors, and 15 others to do work related to evangelism and church development.

Medical requests are again urgent, as the board seeks 29 physicians, 8 dentists, 14 nurses and 12 other medical personnel. Forty non-theological educators are needed — 11 for the elementary level, 13 for secondary, 12 for college, and 4 in other categories related to this specialty.

The list also points up needs for 24 media workers, 18 business personnel, 5 in support ministries, and 40 in a variety of other positions, including 16 for agricultural evangelism.

Many opportunities are available for single men and women. Almost a fourth of the total job requests could be filled by single women, and 41 requests specify single women. A total of 201 requests are open to single men.

Major needs in areas hurting most for new personnel include:

East Asia — General evangelists and urban evangelists are needed to assist in evangelization of Hong Kong; six general evangelists and two student evangelism workers are needed in Korea; and 10 general evangelists top the personnel needs for Japan, where half the career and associate missionary force will reach retirement age within 12 years.

Upper Volta and Ivory Coast — General evangelists are requested to take advantage of responsiveness in these French-speaking West African countries. Cities with 25,000 to 70,000 population have no Baptist witness.

Bangladesh — Four general evangelists are sought for rural outreach in the villages where people are particularly responsive now, and a food-production specialist and a biochemist also have high priority.

Thailand — Nine requests are listed for missionary evangelists to work in the Bangkok metropolitan area to implement an urban stategy program that seeks to start a house church in every neighborhood of the city. Others are needed to help develop churches in rural areas near the cities and to work with refugees.

Rwanda — Two teams of two couples each are needed to work in the rural areas of this small but densely populated country in central Africa. Each team would include an agriculturalist and a veterinarian. In addition, at least one more general evangelist would be needed to work with the teams.

January Bible Study Previews Set Next Month

Billy Hudgens, consultant, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has announced that Stuart Arnold and J. William

Arnold

Thompson

Thompson will teach January Bible Study previews, Nov. 20, 21, and 22.

Study sessions will be at First Church, McComb, Nov. 20; Forest Church on Nov. 21; and at First Church, Columbus, on Nov. 22. Each day's meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.

Adults in January will study **Mark: The Savior for Sinners** and youths will study **Christ: Style for Discipleship.**

The preview study of Mark is for pastors who will be teaching January Bible Study in their churches.

Arnold, a native of England, is on the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. He formerly served pastorates in England and for five years was Young People's secretary for British Baptists.

The youth study is for those who will be teaching youth January Bible Study in their churches.

Thompson is editor of youth materials, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board, Nashville. Previously he was editor of **Adult Leadership.** Prior to going to work at the board he was professor of music at Belmont College in Nashville. Also he has been on the music faculty at New Orleans Seminary.

A native of Mississippi, he has taught choral and instrumental music in Mississippi and Tennessee public schools.

Lunch will be served at each of the churches where the Bible study previews are to be held. The cost is $3. Reservations are required.

The studies are sponsored by the Mississippi Sunday School Department, Bryant Cummings, director.

London, Eng. (RNS) — The Pentecostal Church whose missionaries were killed in Rhodesia in June said it has no ties with an American-based Church of Christian Liberty which reportedly plans to send 300 armed men to protect mission sites and fight guerrillas. Giles Pace, a 34-year-old former Green Beret, leader of the 300-man fighting group, said here that his men will rebuild the mission site at Umtali, Rhodesia, where 12 Britons were killed in June. He added that they will fly the "free Christian flag" and shoot guerrillas on sight. He said his men will establish armed mission stations around Rhodesia's border areas.

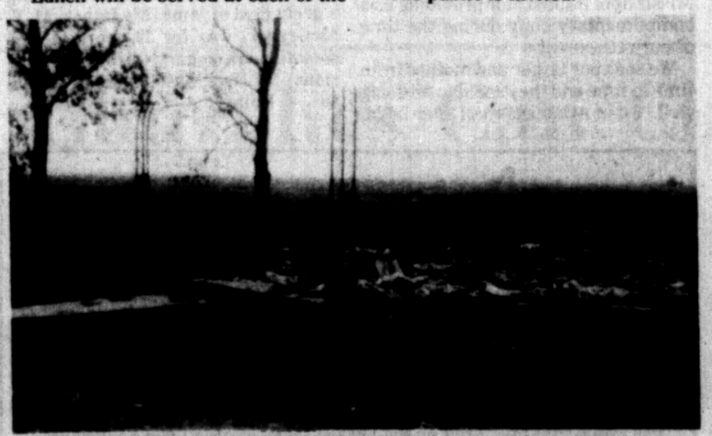
Youth Rally Will Present David Meece

First Church of Pascagoula will sponsor a Jackson County associational youth rally at Calvary Church, Pascagoula, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Meece

Appearing on the program for the night will be David Meece, musician. Meece began his career at 15 as guest conductor of the Houston Chamber Orchestra. At 15 he toured Europe as featured pianist for Youth for Christ International. He attended Peabody Conservatory of Music, having been awarded a four-year scholarship.

The public is invited.



New Hope, Bolivar, Burns

The New Hope Church in Bolivar Association burned September 21. The building and contents were a total loss. At this point the value of the loss is not available, according to Odis Henderson Bolivar Director of Missions.

Arrangements have been made for the congregation to worship in the Litton Methodist church. Plans are being formalized to rebuild in another area of the community served by the church.

Mack Robinson has been pastor of the church since it was constituted by the merger of the Meltonia and Centerfield churches in 1966.

Music Clinic Offers 'Spiritual Nuggets'

Bill Littleton, minister of music at Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., will present six "Spiritual Nuggets" during a two-day Vocal-Choral-Spiritual Growth Clinic to be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson, October 26-27, 1978. The clinic is sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mims

Littleton

Six music publishers will have representatives present to read through their packets of choral music. These publishers are: Broadman, Word, Triune, Benson, Fine Arts, and Crescendo.

Three mini-concerts will feature Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, Cecil Harper, and Bill and Martha Bacon. Four vocal solo repertoire sessions will be included in the clinic. These will be presented by Gary Anglin, Jim Raymick, Sue Gray, and James Glass.

Lloyd and Marilyn Mims will present duet repertoire music during the Friday morning session. Other features of the clinic include a demonstration of a voice lesson by Dan C. Hall (student) and Chester Merton (teacher) and a preview of a video voice lesson.

Accompanists for the clinic are Dot Pray, keyboard specialist with the Church Music Department and Irene Martin, area keyboard clinician, also with the department.

The clinic begins with registration at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday and ends Friday night at 9:55. A $15.00 registration fee per church school on organization is for one session or all sessions. Any number can attend and fee may be paid at time of registration.

Just prior to the clinic, Lloyd Mims, a music specialist with the Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on Oct. 26 will direct a two-hour "read through" session of all required 1979 Youth Choral Festival music.

The session will be held at the Baptist Building. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the reading session at 9:45 a.m. Closing time is 11:45.

There will be no charge for this event. Music directors may purchase a packet of all festival music for $10.

'The Total Woman' Will Be Taught During Library Meet

The seventh annual Mississippi Baptist Library Convention will be held at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, Nov. 3-4.

A special feature of the convention will be **The Total Woman** course led by Eleanor Goode of Oxford.

Mrs. Goode has been teaching the course for four years. She is the mother of three children. Married to retired Baltimore Colt football player, Tom Goode, they live in Oxford, where Tom is football coach at the University of Mississippi.

Goode

'Wilda Fancher of Jackson will lead the devotional periods. An employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, WMU Department, she is author of two Broadman books, **The Christian Woman in the Christian Home** and **I Have Heard the Rainbow.** She and her husband, James, an evangelist, are the parents of three sons.

Larry Salter, consultant, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, says that conferences and their leaders will be: A Concept of a Church Library, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Memphis, Tn., special worker; How to Get Books Off the Shelf (ways to publicize the church library), Mrs. Jackie Payne, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson;

Practical Helps for Practical Librarians, Mrs. Edwin Lewis, librarian, First Church, Jackson; Book Ministry, Mrs. Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store, Jackson;

Book Repair, Mrs. Alice Hamer Samford, Mississippi State University, Starkville; Ministry of Audio Visuals, John Hack, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tn.

New Librarians, James Rose, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Classification, Glynn Hill, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Total Woman Course

Total Woman is a marriage enrichment course which gives some practical answers to the growing number of problems a wife and mother must face.

Total Woman is not a marriage clinic, but a practical possible approach to better human relations.

Based on psychological and biblical principles, it helps a woman learn to fulfill her role as a woman by biblical definition, to communicate with all members of the family more completely, to set realistic and reachable goals and to develop her self image.

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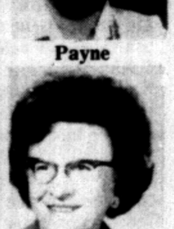
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The course includes guidelines for organizing chores, discipling children, communication and adding romance to marriage.

Total Woman began seven years ago in Miami, Florida by Marabel (Mrs. Charles) Morgan. The Total Woman concept grew out of a personal search for answers to Mrs. Morgan's marital problems.

Eleanor Goode, wife of University of Mississippi football coach Tom Goode, received such positive, exciting responses from her husband and children as a result of her applying the principles of Total Woman that she felt led to join the staff of teachers.

The Total Woman is not just a good housekeeper; she is a warm, loving homemaker. She is not merely a submissive sex partner; she is a romantic lover. She is not just a nanny to her children; she is a woman who inspires them to reach up and out.

Eleanor Goode says, "I knew my marriage had changed when I overheard Tom on the phone telling a friend, 'I can't go fishing today, I want to stay home and be with my family'." Never had anything stopped Tom from fishing, but now his family comes first.

Some Leave, Others Remain

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stationed in both the Muslim and Christian sectors of the city. Both sections reported unstable electric and water service, and some residents of the Christian portion lived in basements for days to avoid the shelling.

No damage to Baptist property and no loss of life among missionaries and local Baptists have been reported.

Missions Show And Tell Participants

John and Gwen Robertson, members of William Carey Baptist Church in Northampton, England, bring greetings. Carey left that church to become a foreign missionary.

Laura and Margaret Myers, missionary kids, formerly from Vietnam, sing a duet during the Show and Tell program.

The Missions Task

Secrecy In Giving

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

Now and then I run into the extra-Biblical idea that one is to keep it a secret what he or she gives to the Lord through the church. Before we let Satan rob us of one of the most needed acts of Christian witness to the validity of our faith, we should clearly understand what Jesus said and did not say in regard to this matter.

Satan uses the scripture when it is to his advantage. Our Lord would have us regularly re-examine our motives in what we do. Paul even found men preaching the gospel in an effort to create problems for him.

In Matthew 6 Jesus is talking about "alms" giving, gifts made to the poor. Hypocrites in religion do this kind of giving to elevate themselves in the eyes of men, not because they are genuinely concerned for the poor. Giving to the poor should be done for the purest of motives.

Let us leave the streets and alms giving and go with Jesus into the temple treasury where gifts in worship were given.

"And he sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than all they that are casting into the treasury: for . . . she cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:41-44).

The Living Bible has the Lord saying, "That poor widow has given more than all those rich men put together! For they gave a little of their extra fat (surplus), while she gave up her last penny."

Giving in worship is evaluated in relation to the sacrifice involved in making the gift. The reason their large gifts were so small in the eyes of Jesus was that there was no sacrifice since "they all gave of their wealth, whether a tip or a tithe, but with no real sacrifice required to make the gift.

In his traveling sermon Jesus spoke of what we do as Christians and its influence on others. "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Because of a misinterpretation of the scriptures some Christians have never known that other Christians give sacrificially for their faith. In one church a fine layman gave over $550 weekly to the church budget. In this same church over 500 families, most of them giving nothing, gave below the tithe of the recognized poverty level income. Most of these people never dreamed that less than 200 of 700 families gave almost 90 percent of the budget income of that church.

Our giving to God in worship should be brought out from behind the shroud of secrecy, and committed Christians should begin to give a clear witness of their faith to their fellow church members by openly witnessing their commitment in giving!

Brother, sister, let your light shine!

Church Training Directors, Pastors

Cartwright, Crowe Among Leaders For Conferences

James Cartwright and Jimmy Crowe, both general administration consultants in the Church Training Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be among conference leaders for a series of New Church Training Director-Pastor conferences scheduled in Mississippi, Oct. 23 and Oct. 24.

Crowe

Cartwright

Cartwright will conduct the conference at First, Newton on October 23 and at First Baptist Church, Pearl on October 24. Crowe will be at Pascagoula. First Church on the 23rd and Columbia on the 24th.

Joining these two leaders will be Hugh Poole, pastor of FBC, Macon and Bill Watson, Minister of Education, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Poole will conduct the conference at Second Church, Greenville on October 23 and First, West Point on October 24. Watson's assignments are Central Church, McComb, October 23 and Parkway in Kosciusko, October 24.

The remaining two pastor/director conferences will be led by Norman Rodgers, Consultant in the Mississippi Church Training Department. These are located at First Church, Coldwater on October 23 and First, Tupelo on October 24.

All ten of the conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to assist the new or returning director and pastor to formulate initial objectives and priorities for the 1978-79 church year. Materials helpful to the new director will also be distributed.

. . . Be Done At Home

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Kelly indicated that volunteerism could serve a special function in inspiring people to be career missionaries. He said that as people go into volunteer missions, "somehow those people who have the qualifications to become missionaries can become infected with the desire to serve God and later go back."

Kelly said that inflation is eating up much of the mission money and that increased mission giving should be a part of changed lifestyles, "where on a personal basis we are willing to channel more and more into this mission work," he said.

"Looking at our budgets, both personal and the church's, it looks like we're denying the authority of Jesus Christ," said Kelly who referred to the events at Pentecost. He said the people saw the tongues of fire "but the real miracle," he said, "was that they had seen something and it had possessed them and they had to tell about it."

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Editorials

Church-State Relations . . .

Ignoring Situation Doesn't Diminish It

The issue of church and state is of vital importance to every Baptist. Most of us sit in our easy chairs watching television and give no more thought to the matter of church and state relations than we do to how many people have been baptized in our own local church during the year or whether or not we have met the new neighbor across the street to find out if he has a church affiliation.

The relationship between church and state is of tremendous importance to each of us, however, even if we do choose to ignore it.

This relationship is going to be examined this year at our annual convention, and the auditorium should be crowded for the discussion. Two highly knowledgeable men will be involved in the discussion. J. Clark Hensley of Mississippi, the executive director of the Christian Action Commission, will speak on "The Infringement of the State." John W. Baker of Washington, D. C., associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will talk about the "Response of the Church."

The proverbial wall of separation between church and state has long been supported by Baptists. It is supposed to mean that both church and state will stay out of each other's business. At the very least it is supposed to mean that the state will not provide public tax money for the support of any endeavor of the church and is not to tell the church how to conduct its affairs. On the other hand, the church is not to seek public tax money nor is it to try to force its own brand of sectarianism on the broader body of the population.

It sounds simple enough, but it doesn't remain simple in operation. The time has come when the state is beginning to insist that the church take some of the public money for one thing or another. This might mean that Baptists and Methodists are helping Catholics pay to educate their own Catholic children in a Catholic school where Catholic doctrines are taught as a matter of requirement. The tax money is never used to teach religion, but it is used for something else so that it can free other funds to finance the religious instruction.

It follows, then, that the state is also beginning to insist that the church follow certain regulations that have been established to try to force everyone into governmental molds. Some of the regulations are good and should be followed by religious organizations without coercion. Others border on the ridiculous, especially when applied to religious organizations.

On the other hand, some religious groups are gladly accepting the money and the restrictions that go along with it. By the same token many church groups are not above promoting guidelines for the consideration of government bodies that would force public compliance in directions that would be foreign to the concepts of other religious groups.

We simply cannot serve as a church body or even function well if we have to depend on public money to help us do our job.

This matter will be examined at our convention next month. As a matter of resource material for consideration beforehand, there is printed below an article discussing this subject written by James Leo Garrett, director of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University. He points out that Baptists need to resist both governmental interference in religious affairs and the pressures of humanists and atheists who would substitute "man - oriented ethics" for a religion or lack of it controlled by the government. An example is the controversy over prayer in public schools, which has never been outlawed. The Supreme Court has ruled that school administrations and governmental authorities could not tell school students how nor when to pray. Yet we are caught between groups on the one hand who would make prayer mandatory in public schools and those on the other who would say that any individual and voluntary show of religion is to be done away with.

The issue is as complex as it is important. We must try to understand it. Hensley and Baker can help us.

"At Home With The Bible . . ."

New Show Has Interest

"At Home with the Bible," the new Sunday School Board television series on Bible study, is under way in Mississippi. The writer is not familiar with how many Mississippi stations carry the program. It is on WAPT — Channel 16, in Jackson on Sunday at 8 a.m.

I had seen two pilot pieces and saw my first regularly scheduled program on Oct. 8. I feel it is a good program. The format is interesting, and Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, makes a good host and teacher.

It is not the traditional Bible teaching program. If it were it would not get much of an audience. There are a number of these on the air already, and those who are watching for that sort of program have found what they want.

This is more of a variety type, admittedly along the lines of Spring Street, U.S.A., the Home Mission Board show of a few years ago. But Spring Street had a broad appeal, and this show does also. Not that Bible study just for the sake of study is not interesting, but this show will attract many who would not watch Bible study.

One factor I like about it is that Pollard's teaching borders on the evangelistic. It is done in such a way as to make a plea for altered life styles, even conversion. I hope the show has a long engagement. — DTM

Guest Opinion . . .

Church-State Separation: U.S. Legacy

By James Leo Garrett Jr.

Although virtually all Baptists from the 17th century to the present have advocated universal religious freedom, Baptists have been less than unanimous in advocating the institutional separation of church and state, and today numerous Baptists live in nations that do not have separation. Furthermore, leaders among British Baptists during recent years have registered their reluctance to espouse the disestablishment of the Church of England lest such a move should accelerate the secularization of that nation.

Church-state separation is a part of the legacy of the United States to the modern world. It is true that certain Latin American nations, Australia, post-World War II Japan, and various African nations provide significant models of church-state separation today. But with the Bill of Rights (1791) this nation began to offer a unique model of the non-establishment of religion together with the "benevolent neutrality" of government toward all religious bodies. Such "benevolent neutrality" during the 20th century has stood in marked contrast to the hostility to theistic religion inherent in the constitutional church-state separation prevailing in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

The term "separation" was derived from Thomas Jefferson's metaphor, "wall of separation," used when he wrote to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802. The U. S. Supreme Court in *Everson v. Board of Education of Ewing Township* (1947) quoted with approval and interpreted Jefferson's metaphor.

Three principal views as to the relationship between governments and religious bodies could claim the allegiance of the American people: strict separation, accommodation and amalgamation.

In actuality amalgamation is without a following today unless among a very few neo-theocrats. This country's pluralism in religious faith would seem to make any amalgamation with or re-establishment of one church to be very unlikely.

Accommodationism has a sizeable following: the Roman Catholic hierarchy and likely a majority of Roman Catholics, many "mainline" Protestants, not a few conservative evangelical Protestants, some Orthodox Jews, and some few Southern Baptists. Accommodationists advocate "multiple establishment," or proportionate government subsidization of church-related institutions, whether Catholic parochial schools, Protestant church-welfare agencies or Baptist colleges and universities.

Separationists also have a considerable following: Seventh-day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, most Southern Baptists, Unitarians-Universalists, civil libertarians, most American Jews, humanists, atheists, public school leaders, Masons, many Protestants of various types, and some Roman Catholics. Separationists hold, and in this the U.S. Supreme Court has tended to agree, that no subsidization of religious organizations and programs should take place and that excessive entanglement between government agencies and religious bodies should be carefully avoided.

Whereas accommodationists tend to exalt the "free exercise" clause of the First Amendment and to de-emphasize the "no establishment" clause, separationists tend to balance the two clauses as much as possible.

The American pattern of church-state separation was accompanied in the 19th century by a moral consensus that served as the basis for much of the criminal law and that owed much to the Judeo-Christian religious heritage. The "second table" of the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) was the historic source of criminal prohibitions of murder, adultery, perjury, and theft; and biblical mandates provided the foundation for similar laws against rape, bigamy, polygamy, incest, homosexuality, abortion, and pornography.

This moral consensus, with its roots in Great Britain and colonial America, was perpetuated during the era of Protestant dominance of American society. Immigrant Roman Catholics did not reject the consensus, although they did reject Sunday laws and the pan-Protestant public schools. Somewhat later Jews resisted Sunday laws, and the Orthodox Jews rejected the public schools, but Jews accepted the consensus even though never campaigning against pornography.

The great conflict between separationists and accommodationists that was set in motion by *Everson* (public bus transportation for parochial school pupils) and by *McCollum v. Board of Education* (1948) (released-time religious instruction in public schools) and led to the formation of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (now called Americans United . . .) centered upon education, especially the issues of public funds for church schools and religious devotion and instruction in public schools. U.S. Supreme Court decisions during the following three decades have drawn the lines relative to such issues.

The Ranks of separationists during the late 1940s included humanists, secularists and atheists; indeed Mrs. Vashti McCollum was an atheist. During the intervening three decades their numbers have increased, and their influence has become more pervasive. From their ranks and from other segments of American society have come the recent attacks upon the American moral consensus (especially concerning homosexuality, abortion and cohabitation without marriage). Humanists, secularists and atheists do not recognize the Decalogue unless certain of its provisions happen to coincide with their own beliefs (for example, murder).

Baptists in 1978 are faced with a twofold challenge, the effective resolution of which calls for both discernment and dedication. On the one hand, as separationists Baptists need to resist the lure of federal and state tax money for their institutions and their ordained ministers, however indirect, legal, and available such money may be, for with such money inevitably comes the imposition of government policy and governmental control.

It is even difficult for institutions that accept no federal or state funds to escape the embrace of the American federal "Leviathan," as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission suit against Southwestern seminary concerning employment policies and the possible Department of Justice suit against Brigham Young University to prohibit separation of men and women in off-campus housing would seem to indicate. At the same time, Baptists should oppose the proposal, backed by members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, to call a U.S. Constitutional Convention to deal with abortion lest in such a convention the Bill of Rights or parts thereof should be jettisoned.

On the other hand, as participants in the moral consensus that is rooted in the Decalogue and that serves as the substratum of much of American criminal law, Baptists need to resist the persistent efforts of humanists, secularists, and atheists and their allies to break down that moral census and to substitute their man-oriented ethics for the moral imperatives which both Judaism and Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant, have recognized as the legacy of revealed religion. Indeed every society must have some moral consensus — whether Islamic, Marxist-Leninist, humanist - secularist or Judeo-Christian.

To respond effectively to the dual challenge will not be easy, but no great test of the people of God has ever been easy.

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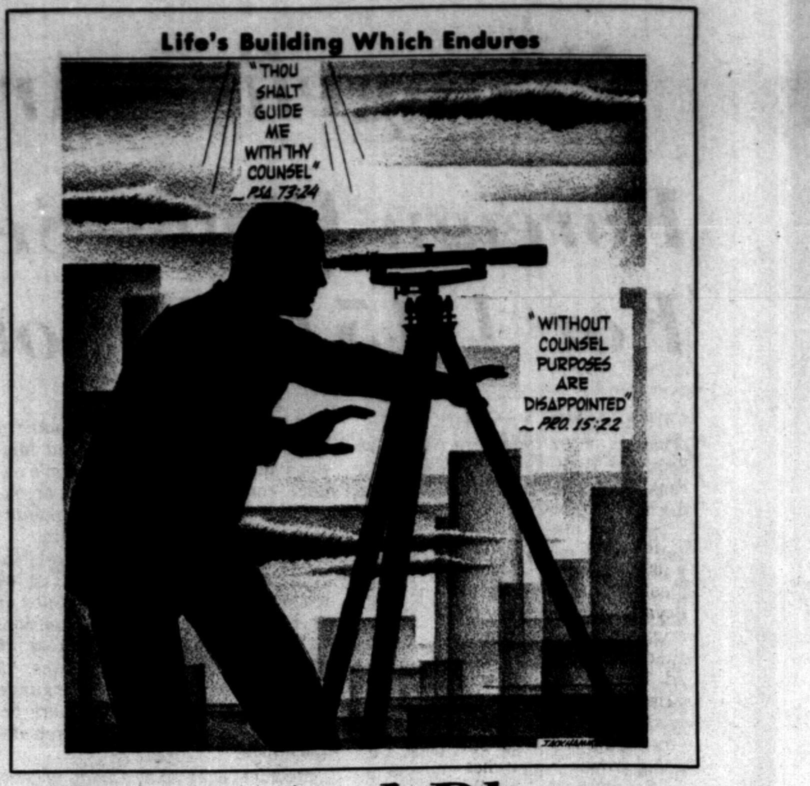

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

The Hutchins House

I like old houses where magnolia trees adorn the yard and four o'clocks blossom by the doorstep. Grandma Washburn's house had an enormous holly beside the garden fence. Kitchens in old houses remind me of Grandma as she stood by the flour bin in her microscopic pantry and rolled out sour dough biscuits.

Many times I watched her stir the scuppernong jelly as it came to a boil. Between the stirring and the stooping to stuff another stick of wood into the stove she would reach into the tall corner cupboard for the cut glass green bowls which she would fill with peaches and heavy cream.

When I go to Blue Mountain again, I want to see an old house on a hill. It's 101 years old, I'm told — built in 1877, the year the Baptist Record began. Colonel Lewis Ball built it while he was a missionary to "The Bottoms," between the Yazoo and Mississippi Rivers.

It's called the Hutchins House now, because the Hutchins family has lived in it since 1884, when they bought it from the Balls. And the place where it stands is called Hutchins Hill. Ball sold the house when he accepted a position as executive secretary for Mississippi Baptists, a job he kept two years.

A couple of weeks ago I got a letter from Miss Bess Hutchins who retired from the Blue Mountain College faculty in 1972, after 44 years as professor of Spanish and head of the Department of Foreign Languages.

She was searching for more information about Lewis Ball, and said she is still living in the house he built. "My grandparents," she wrote, "Mr. and Mrs. James Claiborne Hutchins, bought this house in May, 1884, when they moved to Blue Mountain from Terry in Hinds County. My father and mother moved here also and I was born in Blue Mountain."

"My mother," she said, "was Mary Elizabeth Graves, daughter of Dr. Thomas A. Graves and Mary Elizabeth Riser Graves of Terry. Her father was practicing medicine at Crystal Springs when the Civil War came. He was a graduate in medicine and surgery at the University of Cincinnati. Captain in a Confederate company, he was killed in the Battle of Corinth in 1862."

Lewis Ball was a Colonel in the Confederate Army. He was born in South Carolina in 1820 but moved to Mississippi in 1844. At one time he was pastor in Clinton.

While he and his family lived in Blue Mountain he traveled over his mission territory on horseback and in dugouts and preached in schools, under trees, in homes, around campfires — anywhere he could get anyone to listen.

One Sunday he had an appointment to preach at Macon. The pastor there asked his son to go and meet Brother Ball's train.

"How will I know him when he arrives?" the boy asked.

"You go and wait for a man who looks like Moses. That will be Brother Ball."

When I asked Miss Hutchins to describe her house, she said it is an average one, but I don't believe it! A two-story house 101 years old — average?

She says, "My entire family loves the spacious rooms. Including the storage room, the cistern house which is a summer room where we can serve meals especially in the summer, big porches, halls upstairs and down, there are about 14 rooms."

Elizabeth (Bess) Hutchins received a B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College and M.A. degree from University of Virginia.

Her Aunt Mable taught math at Blue Mountain College and her sister Lucy taught Latin and Greek there. Four sisters, seven nieces, and three great-nieces have been students at Blue Mountain College, plus several nephews going to summer school there.

It seems to me that the terms, Hutchins and Blue Mountain, are almost interchangeable.

Letters To The Editor

Pioneer Evangelism

Dear Editor:

I want to tell you about something that we are doing this summer. I have been a Christian for over 26 years and a pastor for nearly 21 of those years. I have pastored Southern Baptist churches in Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. I served for over five years as pastor of the Ora Baptist Church in Collins. My family and I chose Mississippi because we love the people and the area so we have made our home in Collins.

I have entered the field of full-time evangelism, but our major desire is to work in pioneer missions. We have donated the past two months to work in the Northwest Pennsylvania Association doing 10-day meetings in Warren, Driftwood, and Erie.

We have purchased a tent, chairs, songbooks, and have furnished the posters and handouts necessary for the meetings this summer. It is our desire to offer help to small Southern Baptist churches free of charge. We are deriving our support from individuals, churches, and associations in the south. We have met with great success this summer in the first of these efforts.

During the winter months of course we will be available for revivals or interims or whatever the Lord so leads us to involve ourselves in. We ask your prayers.

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Appreciation For Harry

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your article, "Harry Has Saved Us Lots of Money," in the Sept. 21 issue. Each participant at a camp, assembly, or conference center and especially we who manage such facilities thank God for people such as Harry. Without them the ministry could not go on.

Larry Haslam
Manager
Glorieta Baptist Conference Center

Expression Of Appreciation

Dear Bro. McGregor:

It has become necessary for me to reduce my reading because of a long standing eye injury. Mrs. Whitlow and I have both enjoyed and profited a great deal by reading your fine paper through the years. We want to express our deepest appreciation to you and Mississippi Baptists for providing us a complimentary copy during the time of our retirement.

We see your father and mother from time to time and they seem to be doing well. We in Arkansas shall ever be indebted to them for the excellent service they have rendered to all of us.

We shall continue to remember with genuine interest and prayerful concern you, your family, and Mississippi Baptists. May God's favor abide with you.

Sincerely,
S. A. Whitlow
Hope, Arkansas

This letter was not particularly intended for publication, but we beg the indulgence of this former executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention; and we appreciate his kind words concerning the Baptist Record. We also beg the indulgence of our readers in the publishing of this tribute to my father and mother, because theirs was a service that did not bring a great deal of fame. My father, M. T. McGregor, was for 22 years the association missionary (director of missions) for Hope Association in Arkansas. — Editor

Bold Mission Thrust
ACTS 1:8

Are the Brakes On?

The new brakeman told the train engineer, "I did all I could do to help you climb that hill; I put on the brakes so we wouldn't slip backwards." Could it be that we have some similar "helpers" in our churches. There are backyards and living rooms where home Bible classes are needed. Who is leaning on the brakes? There are jail ministries, apartment Bible studies, and Sunday afternoon preaching points needed in most communities; and Lo, the brakeman cometh. The Home Mission Board tells us there are 100 million unchurched Americans. How many are in your community, and is there a bold program to reach them with the good news?

—Guy Henderson, Consultant for Cooperative Program Promotion

In Middle America

Church Growth Triples

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — In 10 years, work related to Southern Baptist missionaries in Middle America and the Caribbean has taken a dramatic step forward — in some cases attaining 1980 objectives two years early.

Missionary statistics have grown from 186 serving in 11 countries to 353 in 25 countries, according to Charles W. Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The original goal was 350 missionaries in 25 countries of that area of the world by the end of 1980.

In the meantime, other statistics — including growth in churches, mission points, Sunday School enrollment, and church membership — have doubled and even tripled.

Bryan attributes the surge of growth to a 1973 planning session with missionaries representing their areas. "We planned a workshop — looking for direction in discussing needs and priorities. Instead we had a spiritual experience. We came out feeling as if we'd been to a spiritual retreat and we were equipped to carry out our work by objectives and goals," Bryan stated. "That has continued to the present."

The message of "planning to grow," as Bryan termed it, also had bearing on growth on the field. "Deliberate plans and actions were made to encourage Baptist leaders and churches on the field to accept and practice New Testament stewardship," said Bryan.

That accounts for the 203 percent jump — tripling from 298 to 903 — in self-supporting churches.

The top growth rates include Sunday School enrollment, up 169 percent from 35,518 to 94,902. Baptist churches related to the service of missionaries in the area more than doubled, increasing from 544 to 1,120, as did church membership from 52,730 to 109,802, and mission points from 507 to 1,223.

"The next 10 years," said Bryan, "will produce more mature national leadership and the results will be dramatic both in terms of numerical and spiritual growth."

Gloria Thurman, missionary, displays dress and household utensils from Bangladesh. (Photos by Anne McWilliams)

Adrianne Bonham, editor of ROYAL SERVICE, left, talks with May Grillott, member of Baptist Women at First Church, Crystal Springs.

European Baptists Vote To Sponsor Seminary

VIENNA, Austria (BP) — The European Baptist Federation Council, meeting in Vienna, voted to accept the sponsorship of financially - troubled Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The rapid devaluation of the dollar over the last several years made it impossible for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to continue to accept total financial responsibility for the seminary, according to J. D. Hughey, area secretary for the board's work in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

In June, the Foreign Mission Board voted to limit its subsidy to the seminary to $300,000 in 1979 and offered administrative and financial responsibility to the European Baptist Federation Council, the governing body of the European Baptist Federatio...

An additional $5,000 per year would be added to the $300,000 annual subsidy through 1983, when the five-year contract for use of the seminary would be subject to renewal.

Hughey and two board members traveled to Vienna for the federation council meeting. Besides accepting the sponsorship of the international seminary, the council placed the administrative responsibility in the hands of an executive board composed of European and American representatives.

Guidelines for the new cooperative agreement recognized that the Foreign Mission Board, as owner of the property, is ultimately responsible for the Ruschlikon Seminary. The land was purchased for $240,000 in 1948 and is now worth, by some estimates, several million dollars. Board action is necessary to ratify the agreements.

Nell Tyner Bowen, seated, autographs her book, THE SEEKING WOMAN I AM, for Baptist Women at the retreat at Garaywa.

Largest Number Ever Attends Women's Retreat At Garaywa

By Anne McWilliams

Two hundred registered Sept. 29 and 30 at Camp Garaywa, the largest number of women ever to attend the state Baptist Women's Retreat. They took advantage of a beautiful fall weekend and the improvements that have been made at the camp this summer.

Adrianne Bonham, editor of **Royal Service**, and Nell Tyner Bowen, author of **The Seeking Woman I Am: Christian Meditation for Today** were featured speakers, along with two missionaries, Lois Henderson, former missionary to the Phillippines, and Gloria Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh.

An autograph party was given for Mrs. Bowen on Friday evening. Her book, on the subject of Christian meditation, was the basis of the addresses she delivered Friday evening and Saturday morning.

She asked the question, "Why meditate?" and answered it by saying that the reason is love. "If I do indeed love God, is not my love motive enough to make me want to be in his presence?"

She said, "I may meditate so that I can have a few moments of quietness to set my daily goals or to evaluate my actions. I may use meditation to let loose my tensions, or to revamp my attitudes."

"These are good reasons for meditation," she added, "but their aim is to get something for myself. The purest motive for meditation is that I want to be with God — because I love him."

Miss Bonham gave information on Baptist Women Year in the Church, 1978-79. This is a special time for the church to focus attention on Baptist Women, the part of Woman's Missionary Union that involves women 30 and older.

The Royal Service editor suggested that this would be a good year for a **Royal Service** subscription to be provided for every woman in the church, 30 and over.

"During this year's emphasis," she said, "each church can seek to double the number of Baptist Women members, begin new Baptist Women organizations, and increase the effectiveness of missions education, study, prayer, and missions work among Baptist women.

Gloria Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh, dressed in green sari, brought the closing address. She described with vividness the contrasts of Bangladesh — the beauty of the landscape and the hunger and poverty of the people. Bangladesh, a relatively small land, is one of the most heavily populated in the world.

Because of prevailing poverty, many people there think that the Thurmans are rich. Mrs. Thurman said that one way she uses to witness is sharing her home as much as possible.

She told about one woman who came to her home just to be alone a few moments, to read a letter in privacy.

She told about a little boy who was brought to her home, so weak and hungry and in need of protein that he could no longer walk. For several weeks she fed him milk and crackers. With just that much nourishment he was able to stand again. She said she could not send the food to his home because someone else might eat it, so she required that he be brought to her house each morning while she was feeding him.

The greatest marvel in the Thurmans' house to one woman was the hot water in the bathtub. She just kept turning it off and on and feeling the temperature of the water.

One afternoon Mrs. Thurman allowed a group of women to come and bake cakes in her oven.

"We don't mind you having conveniences," one told her, "Because you share them with us." In this way she begins to show them the meaning of Christian love.

In 1976, during the Bicentennial Fourth of July celebration in America, the Thurmans held an American birthday party in Bangladesh. They expected 200 but 425 people were present. Many Hindus came, with whom they had not had contact before.

Mrs. Thurman concluded by saying, "I know a Name, a Name, a Name — He makes a difference in lives. I have seen Him blot out despair and turn the 'darkness to noonday bright.' But there are many millions more who do not know that Name."

The retreat was sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

New York (RNS) — A Jewish center in Queens County was damaged by fire and an Orthodox synagogue in suburban Spring Valley was vandalized in incidents apparently designed to disturb the Jewish High Holy Day observances.

Cindy Funke:

Is It Worth It For Only One?

By Debbie Baird Buie

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — What's it like to be an organization of one?

Cindy Funke of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina can tell you.

Cindy is the only member of Acteens in her church, Sullivan's Island Baptist, but she is one of 132,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention. This year she is one of six teens from across the nation named to the highly competitive Acteens National Advisory Panel.

There was another Acteen in Cindy's group until a year ago. She was the preacher's daughter. The preacher moved to another church, leaving Cindy as a one-girl Acteens organization.

At first, Cindy wanted to drop out of Acteens. But her leader, Mrs. Judy Stewart, persisted, keeping Cindy involved in mission action and study. Cindy's church has all the other WMU missions organizations and those for Brotherhood as well.

Mrs. Stewart has been Cindy's only Acteens leader.

"Last summer I went with my leader to exercise a paralyzed boy three hours each week. We also planned a Halloween party for unwed mothers. We often do things with Acteens from other churches," says Cindy.

Mrs. Stewart and Cindy work on Studiact achievements and mission projects just as if they were an organization of many girls. Studiact is an individualized plan for learning and doing missions.

Cindy's mother also helps her in Acteens, especially now that Cindy is speaking widely at state and associational WMU meetings representing the Acteens Advisory Panel.

Cindy is well-known in WMU of South Carolina activities, and she has made a good friend of Janie House, former Acteens director for South Carolina WMU. Miss House is now BYW director and Kay Affolter was recently named Acteens director for the state.

"Janie always encouraged me when I was down about being the only Acteen. She often asked me to share my story at state retreats and other WMU meetings," says Cindy.

Her leader, Mrs. Stewart, has had her discouragements too. "It hasn't always been easy. We just push back our frustrations and look beyond to the better things. We know that any one person can do anything no matter where they are." This year they will add an Acteens for girls leaving GAs, but Cindy and Mrs. Stewart will remain alone in their organization. They are looking forward to this last year before Cindy graduates to BYW.

When Cindy hears other Acteens and their leaders complain about not having enough girls to do a certain project, she laughs. "I tell them I am an only Acteen and that my leader and I have done that project. Then my leader and I usually offer our help. Most of the leaders find it amazing that I'm the only Acteen in my church," she says.

Cindy likes to pep-talk despondent leaders with her testimony. "After I give my Acteens testimony leaders often tell me that I have encouraged them to continue even if their prospects are few."

This summer Cindy has worked in the South Carolina WMU camp, Camp Rawls, and she hopes to do it again next summer.

Acteens isn't the only thing in Cindy's life. She is on the youth committee at church in addition to regular church organizations. And she helps with Girls in Action and Vacation Bible School. At her high school she serves on the business staff of the literary and art magazine and enjoys drama.

As for the future the blond high school senior says, "I have no definite plans," but she is thinking about making Acteens a profession, following the example of women who have influenced her life.

Baptist Pastors' Retreat Is Oct. 23-25

It takes place at Clinton's Camp Garaywa; begins 10 a.m., Oct. 23, concludes at noon, Oct. 25.

Help Preserve Baptist History!

Mrs. R. A. McLemore, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, explains to Mississippi College student Cindy Phlegar of Bangkok, Thailand, the importance of preserving Baptist history by recording on cassette tapes, interviews with people having knowledge of events of historical importance. The Historical Commission is located in the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College.

Churches Can Cut Energy Costs

By Dennis Conniff, Director
Church Architecture Department
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

25% of energy is wasted in most churches due to:
- —Improper use of buildings
- —Lack of zoning of heating and cooling
- —Failing to turn lights and mechanical units off when not in use
- —Improper air lock areas
- —Number of meetings other than Sunday and Wednesday

A great amount of energy is wasted due to:
- —Lack of insulation in ceiling, walls and floors
- —Oversize incandescent light bulbs
- —Preventive maintenance of equipment
- —Failing to change filters often
- —Heights of ceilings

Proper planning is important for renovation of existing building:
- —When planning for renovation, study and get professional assistance in existing light fixtures as compared to fluorescent fixtures.
- —Get professional assistance in studying your mechanical system and duct system.
- —Get professional assistance in determining the amount and type of insulation needed.
- —Get professional assistance in determining the condition of window frames and type of glass (much energy is wasted through windows not professionally designed and installed)

When planning a new building, remember:
- —An architect who, along with a structural engineer, a mechanical engineer and an electrical engineer make up a design team of professionals, will not cost a church money, but will save a church money in the proper design of space, foundation, lighting and heating and air-conditioning.
- —A church cannot get professional architectural and engineering expertise from a draftsman, lumber yard, carpenter, or untrained church member.
- —Cutting corners costs money and shortens the life of a building.
- —Professionally designed buildings properly constructed by bonded contractors will save on insurance, maintenance, and energy.

Edwina Robinson, former executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, is indexing early issues of the BAPTIST RECORD which are on microfilm at the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission in the library at Mississippi College in Clinton. The indexing will aid researchers in the years to come.

Sand Ridge Church At Lake Is Where The *ACTION* Is

By Anne McWilliams

ACTION in April unearthed an astonishing number of prospects for Sand Ridge Church in Scott County. Now six months later the church members are still excited about what they learned.

"Most of us didn't believe we'd find many to enroll," say James and Sarah Wade. Both are Sunday School teachers and he is a deacon. Their church is on Highway 80 between Forest and Lake. "We were absolutely amazed at the number of people we found in our community."

Before ACTION, the Sunday School enrollment was 84. During the two Sunday afternoons of ACTION, 79 were enrolled, pushing the total to 163.

The attendance had been in the 40s and 50s. For a couple of months after ACTION attendance climbed into the 60s. During the summer it dropped back down to the 40s, and now is again in the 50s.

Many of those who moved away were trained church leaders.

"Figures simply do not tell the whole story," says Ken West, pastor at Sand Ridge for three years. (He recently moved to First Church, McLain.)

"They don't reveal the fact that 15 families had moved because thev were transferred in their jobs," he added, "and that ACTION helped to recoup our loss there." Nearby places of employment include La-Z-Boy at Newton, the Sunbeam plant near Forest, and chicken houses in the area.

"Figures don't reveal the unusual spirit, fellowship, and faith of Sand Ridge," West said.

Besides finding prospects and recouping losses, ACTION helped to get inactive members re-enlisted, and to spark a revival.

"Follow-up is vital," West emphasized. "I believe fall is a better time for ACTION than spring because summer and vacations slow the follow-up."

"We are really ready now to dig in to the follow-up work," said Sarah Wade. "We want to start more regular visitation of these surprise prospects that we found." Both Wades are employed at the Sunbeam plant near the church. One prospect they found admitted he didn't come to church because he didn't want to take a bath.

Other denominations and sects are represented in the community — including Methodists, Jehovah's Witnesses, American Baptists, and Primitive Baptists, but there are also a lot of Southern Baptists.

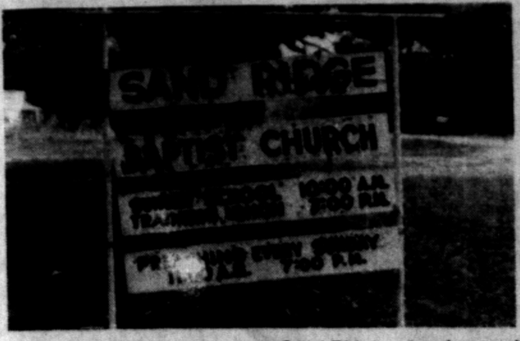
New Building

Sand Ridge was organized in 1918, in another location, on an unpaved road. In the 1950s it was moved to its present site. At present, there are 97 resident members.

Soon after West became the pastor he instigated a building program; in December, 1977 the congregation began use of a new brick sanctuary. Where the old building could only offer a place for 40 or 50 in Sunday School, the new one can accommodate at least 100. The auditorium seats 250. The space is there to take care of the prospects.

A. R. Barber, chairman of deacons, is a building contractor. With his help, the church was constructed at the lowest rate possible, and only cost the congregation $53,000, including pews and baptistry.

The old building is in use for a fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms. Partitions were torn out, and with the aid of new carpet and wallpaper, new baby cribs, and fresh curtains a nursery was created. A modern kitchen was installed next door to the nursery. A pastorium was already in use, next door to the church.



Sand Ridge entered a new brick building in December, 1977.

James Wade said that the church has paid $10,000 on the building in one year's time.

"We have some faithful tithers who are not just 'sometimes' tithers," his wife added.

The Lottie Moon Goal last year was $550 and they exceeded it, giving $557. The church contributes $30 a month to associational missions, and designates 13 per cent of the budget to the Cooperative Program.

"Mary C. Culpepper, WMU director, really promoted the Lottie Moon Offering," Mrs. Wade said. "She is the mother of ten children — grown now. To make money for her contribution she made quilts, had a bake sale, and repotted plants to sell."

"Brother West backed the Cooperative Program," James Wade observed, "and he helped to build a more sound knowledge of Southern Baptist doctrines among our members."

Wade said the fact that there are several types of Baptists in the community had caused some confusion in the past on doctrinal issues.

While the Wests were at Sand Ridge Mrs. West directed the children's choir, first through sixth grades. The choir presented a musical, "Reaching People." Lindsey Shoemaker now directs the church music, though he is not a paid staff member.

Cecil and Ira George have been volunteer workers with the children and youth. (He is a tree surgeon who usually is transferred every few years.) Looking for a small church where they would have lots of work to do, he and his wife found it at Sand Ridge. A youth group held a Rock-a-Thon not long ago to raise money for the building fund. In 1976 seven of the youth people went to Ridgecrest. To earn money to go they sold bottles, raked leaves, or cut grass.

Sand Ridge is where the ACTION is.

Sarah and James Wade teach in the Sunday School at Sand Ridge Church, near Lake. He is a deacon. Both were astonished at the number enrolled in ACTION.

In Names The News

William T. Evans, Jr., pastor of Willow Grove Church near Collins, has announced that five of the high school students in his church have been inducted into the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. The students were chosen for demonstrated excellence in scholastic leadership and civic achievement. Special recognition was given to them by the Willow Grove Church on Sunday, Oct. 1, during the morning worship service. Pictured, from left, are **Becky Pickering, Kay Abercrombie, Jan Abercrombie, Judy Graham, Linda Knight,** and **Pastor Evans.**

Star Church has awarded perfect attendance pins at Sunday School to (left to right) **Barbara Rice** (3 years); **Jill Harrington** (1 year); **Pam Rice,** (4 years); **Sherrie Rice** (3 years); **Beth Butler** (2 years); **Boyce Cook** (34 years). "We are very grateful for Mr. Cook's 34 years of faithful attendance in our Sunday School," states **Jimmy Harrington,** pastor.

Deacon ordination services were held at **Star Church,** Oct. 1, for **Eugene Dilmore** and **Roland Walker.** They are pictured with the pastor, **Jimmy Harrington.**

First Church of McComb has ordained three new deacons. Left to right: **Robert L. Tadlock, Morris Gatlin, Henry J. Sanders,** and J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor. Tadlock is the manager of Howard Bros; Gatlin is a rural mail carrier and associated with Seago Enterprises; and Sanders is an ophthalmologist.

The Willow Grove Church, near Collins, honored its organist and pianist during annual homecoming Sunday, Oct. 8. Plaques were presented to **Danny Sanford** and **Mrs. Julia Rae Graham,** by **Tre Carter,** minister of music and youth, for their years of faithful service to the church. Sanford has been organist for ten years and Mrs. Graham has been pianist for 20 years. The pastor, **Bill Evans,** said, "We thank God for these two talented people and are extremely proud of them."

Marty M. Maltby is available for supply preaching, interim pastorates, or revivals. He may be contacted at 279 Mt. Vernon, Jackson, MS 39209 (telephone 352-8090). Maltby graduated from Mississippi College in 1976 with majors in religion and classical languages. He has served as pastor of Melrose Church. During college years he was music and youth director at Hickory Ridge Church (Rankin) and at Crestwood, Jackson, and was summer missionary for the Home Mission Board in Illinois. A native of Jackson, he is married to the former Melody Talbert of Macon.

Maltby

David Q. Byrd, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., was recently awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Union University of Jackson, Tenn. The degree was presented at the fall convocation. Byrd served as a trustee of the Tennessee Baptist school for 20 years before assuming his present position as director of the Boyce Bible School. Boyce is a division of Southern Seminary. Byrd also holds the Ph. D. degree from Southern Seminary. He is a native of Clinton, Miss., and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. David Q. Byrd, Sr.** of Clinton.

L. Gordon Sansing, left, spoke to the Clarke College Ministerial Association in its first meeting of the school year. Sansing was welcomed by Buddy Puryear, right, president of the group. Sansing is a Clarke graduate and is pastor of Arrowood Church, Meridian. He formerly was head of the Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Puryear, of Eva, Ala., is a sophomore at Clarke and is pastor of the New Zion Church in Scott County. There are 46 ministerial students enrolled at Clarke this year. Other officers of the Ministerial Association are Vice-President **John Jeffries,** pastor of New Ireland Church in Newton County, and **Randy Makemson,** Cullman, Ala., secretary. **John Jacobs** is advisor.

Rita Whitley has received a 10-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School at Calvary Church, Quitman. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitley, she will be 13 next February. **James Haywood** is Sunday School director; **Ray McCorkle** is pastor.

Whitley

Hollified Williams

Two incoming freshmen were recently announced as the recipients of the highest scholarship awards at Mississippi College. **Greg Hollifield** of Laurel was selected as the T. M. Hederman Scholar and **Rachel Williams** of Newton as the Suzanne Nobles Scholarship winner.

John T. Sisemore, director of the Sunday School Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1972, has been called to the staff of First Baptist Church in Shreveport, La. As Director of the Program Division of the church staff, Sisemore will coordinate all ministries relating to Bible teaching and discipleship training.

Secretaries Conference Is Planned In Nashville In April

NASHVILLE — The first National Conference for Secretaries from Southern Baptist churches and denominational agencies is scheduled April 23-26, 1979, at the Sunday School Board here.

Approximately 1,000 secretaries are expected to attend, according to Lucy Hoskins, consultant in the board's church administration department and director of the conference.

Numerous special interest conferences will be offered during the week, including how to help the pastor and other staff members, how to improve the church letter and bulletin board and how to improve readability of the church paper. Two of the conferences will discuss grammar and personal appearance.

Special guests on the program will include actress Jeanette Clift George, star of "The Hiding Place"; David Matthews, pastor of First Church, Greenville, S. C.; The After Dinner Prayers, a Christian drama troupe from Houston, Texas; and several musicians.

Full or part-time and paid or volunteer secretaries for churches of all sizes are invited, plus secretaries for associations, state conventions, and SBC agencies.

Cost for the conference will be $50 each, which includes two meals, two new secretarial books, a conference notebook and admission to all conference sessions. The fee will increase to $55 after Jan. 1, 1979.

Meetings of the National Conference for Church Secretaries will be held at the Sunday School Board and at First Baptist Church, which is three blocks from the board.

To register for the conference, send the registration fee to the Church Program Training Center, P. O. Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements.

Nashville Is Scene Of '79 RA Congress

The 6th National Royal Ambassador Congress is scheduled for the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville July 10-12, 1979, where Pioneer Royal Ambassadors in grades 7-12 will hear testimonies and presentations from professional basketball player Bobby Jones of the Philadelphia 76ers, Yo-Yo champion/magician Bunny Martin, and Southern Baptist author and entertainer Grady Nutt.

Home and foreign missionaries and other program personalities will help present a Bold Mission challenge for the '80s to the Pioneer Royal Ambassadors.

A 30,000-square foot exhibit hall, a day at Opryland, and tours of SBC buildings and other Nashville points of interest will be on the agenda for Royal Ambassadors attending the Congress.

Registration is $12 per person with a special discount registration of $10 per persons registering before January 1, 1979.

Peking (RNS) — The World Religion Research Institute, which was established here for "scientific research" in 1964 and became inactive during the Cultural Revolution of 1966, has been reactivated. The Institute is making its 100,000-volume library available to scholars interested in studying Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and other religions.

Stan Hastey Will Succeed Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Stan L. Hastey has been appointed chief of the Washington bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding W. Barry Garrett, who will take early retirement Nov. 1.

Hastey, appointed bureau chief by Baptist Press Director, W. C. Fields, in cooperation with James E. Wood Jr., of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was also elected by the Baptist Joint Committee to succeed Garrett as director of information services for the agency.

Garrett, 63, served in the dual role for nearly 21 years in Washington, where he launched the first bureau for Baptist Press in 1958. The news service now has six bureaus working with its national office in Nashville, Tenn.

Hastey, 34, is a native of Oklahoma but was reared in Mexico as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries. Since 1974, he has been the Supreme Court correspondent for Baptist Press.

Hastey is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, where he majored in government. He has studied journalism at George Washington University and holds master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he concentrated in church history and church-state relations.

Missionary Secures Refugee Federal Aid

DENVER (BP) — A Southern Baptist missionary who helped ensure continued Social Service payment for some 680 Indochinsee refugees in Colorado, says his work has just begun.

David Miller, Christian social ministries missionary and director of the Brentwood Baptist Center, Denver, was among citizens outraged when a Social Service announcement stated that federal funds to aid the refugees were to be cut off.

Miller and Bill Cartee, Mission Service Corps worker at Brentwood Center, began an immediate campaign through the state's news media to restore the money.

The critical status of the refugees was publicized over television stations and in newspapers across the state. Gov. Richard Lamm called a weekend conference to resolve the situation and announced that federal funds totaling over $700,000 would be available for direct aid for refugee families.

Miller said that among refugees affected were members of the Lao Evangelical Baptist congregation which meets at Brentwood Center.

Brentwood Center has become the primary distribution point for clothing, food and other contributions in metro Denver, including 150 bags of groceries from the Denver Post newspaper. English and reading classes are planned to help refugees make quicker adjustment to the American culture.

"These people are talented and skilled," Miller said. "But it's tough to make it in a culture without knowing the language or being able to read it. They need time. They aren't lazy! They want to work. We want to give them the time they need."

Clarke Receives Real Estate Valued At $125,000

Clarke College is the recipient of a generous gift from Earl Cockrell of Tupelo, a valuable piece of real estate in that city. The property, valued at $125,000 is currently under a five-year lease. Clarke President S. L. Harris (right) is shown discussing the deed with Director of Development, A. C. Johnson.

Cockrell is a former trustee of Clarke and a long-time friend of the college. He has shown great interest in Tupelo area students attending Clarke College and has made substantial contributions to assist with their educational pursuits.

In announcing the gift Harris stated, "This latest contribution of Mr. Cockrell continues his strong support of Christian higher education. We are most grateful for all that he has done and continues to do to assist students in their pursuit of educational goals and Clarke College in its efforts to provide them with the opportunity to do so. His example is worthy of emulation."

M. E. Causey Dies In Gloster

M. Edward Causey died early Sunday morning, Oct. 8, of a heart attack at his home in Gloster. He was 67.

Causey owned and operated a dry goods store in Gloster, and had been pastor of Ebenezer Church, Amite County, and Hux Church in Wilkinson County for the past 17 years.

He was born in Amite County, son of the late George Causey and Etta Dye Causey. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Strait Causey; two sons, Billy Causey of Progress, and Edward Causey, Jr., pastor in Louisville, Ky.; two daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Ron) Ritter of Gretna, La. and Etta (Mrs. Ben) Carlisle, wife of the Baptist pastor at Woodville; one sister, Mrs. N. E. Ball of Columbia; seven grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 10, at Brown Funeral Chapel in Gloster. It was conducted by J. Millard Purl, Wayne Berry, Farrell McMorris, and Jimmy Simeon.

Ebenezer, one of the oldest churches in the state, where Causey was pastor, ranked first in per capita giving to the Cooperative Program last year.

Moon Must Open Records To Public

ELMSFORD, N. Y. (RNS) — A New York State Supreme Court justice has ruled that financial records of the Unification Church headed by Sun Myung Moon must be open to the public.

Town officials say they need the data because they contend the Church is not a bona fide religious organization, the same stand taken by New York City.

According to state law, a religious institution may be granted tax-exempt status for its properties only if it is a bona fide religious organization and if the properties are used exclusively for religious purposes.

The town contends, according to its attorney, that the Unification Church also engages in propaganda and political activities.

Just For *The Record*

Ellison Ridge Church of Louisville, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 22. The activities will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. to be followed by the morning service at 11 a.m. Glenn Davis is pastor.

Rocky Point Acteens and GAs (Leake County) were recognized in a special service recently. **Janie Edwards** was honored as Queen-Regent, and **Brenda Sharplin** as Queen-with-a-Scepter. GAs receiving Mission Adventure collars and badges were Sheila Goodwin, Michele Cook, Rhonda Chipley, Donna Chipley, and Tammy Edwards. Acteen leader is Mrs. Jessileen Howell. GA leaders are Mrs. Linda Pickle and Mrs. Jean Carpenter. Curtis James is pastor.

Women of Larue Church have started WMU meetings again, after a short lapse. Members visited Ocean Springs Nursing Home Oct. 5. They plan to visit the Abused Children's Center in Pascagoula Oct. 19.

THE BAPTIST STUDENT Union at Mississippi College had a recent meeting in Provine Chapel in which 275 students came together to hear reports from summer student missionaries and to plan for this year's BSU happenings. The BSU director is Bradley Pope; he is assisted by two graduate assistants, Anne Jones and Randy Turner.

JUNIPER GROVE young people in Pearl River Association held a rock-a-thon to raise funds for construction of a tennis court. Fifteen rocked; 12 rocked for as long as 12 hours. Carla Smith raised $217, the highest amount by an individual, the church matched her gift. The total raised was $1100.16. Back row, l to r: Randy Cuevas, Kathy Kelly, Lawanda Cuevas, Argie Traylor, Lee Smith, Stephanie Larrien. Front, l to r: Kenneth Rhodes, pastor, Mary Ruth Larrien, Jimmy Larrien, Robert Culpepper, Carla Smith. Not pictured who rocked: Mark Dryer, John Smith, Steve Hall, Max Dryer, Norma Hall.

Harvest Day will be held at **Good Hope Church (Leake County)** Sunday, Oct. 29. Tommy Jones will conduct the 11 a.m. service. The afternoon service will start at 1:30 and will feature all former pastors. Lamar Williams is the pastor.

Young people at Sand Ridge Church near Lake rocked from 7 p.m. on a Friday until 2 p.m. Saturday. They raised $370.35 for the church building fund. Jessie Paul Harrison rocked for 19 hours. Others taking part were Lynn Taylor, Amy Hawthorne, Angie Meeks, Teresa McCann, Tammy McCann, Nancy Able, Tanya Shoemaker, Mary Wade, Brenda Wade, Donna Hawthorne, and Nick Revette. The following week they spent an afternoon visiting the Jackson Zoo.

Calvary Will Celebrate 75th Year

Calvary Church, Lincoln County, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Oct. 22, with an old-fashioned dinner on the ground.

G. W. Smith, who was ordained to the ministry at the church in September, 1954, will bring the 11 a.m. message. Then dinner will be served.

The afternoon service will include singing, reading of the church history; fund raising for a proposed new pastorium; a ground breaking ceremony; and dedication of newly acquired property for the church.

Gene Erwin is the pastor.

TV Stars Will Appear On Lutheran Series

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — The American Lutheran Church has announced that two stars from network television series will appear in the Church's prime-time series "We're Number One?"

Gary Burghoff, who plays "Radar" in CBS-TV's M-A-S-H, and Ester Rolle, who is "Florida" on CBS-TV's "Good Times," will appear in the Lutheran programs, the Church's Office of Communication announced.

The ALC programs are made possible by a $500,000 grant from the denomination's United Mission Appeal in which members of congregations pledged more than $37 million to bolster the denomination's mission outreach.

Sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never hurt me. — English Proverb

Staff Changes

POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stricklen with a reception and pounding Sunday night, Sept. 17. Stricklen will serve as director of activities and will be in charge of the Christian activities building programs and other church recreation activities. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Southern Seminary, and served as director of activities in Alabama after being in the Navy four years, two years in Viet Nam.

He and his wife, Nan, are natives of Tuscaloosa, Ala. She has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Alabama and is a violinist. She has performed with the Meridian Symphony. They have a daughter, Sarah Ann.

Left to right are: Mrs. Vernon Chisolm, chairman, Hospitality Committee; Mrs. James Ruffin, Mrs. Stricklen, Stricklen, and James A. Ruffin, pastor.

Danny L. Chaney, who has served the Beulah Church of Newton County, has resigned and accepted the pastorate of the Utility Church of Jonesville, La. He served the Beulah Baptist Church since 1976. Chaney is a graduate of East Central Junior College, and is anticipating graduation from New Orleans Seminary in May of 1979. His pastorates include churches in Winston, Attala, and Newton counties of Mississippi

Chaney

Wayne Hatcher of Marks has accepted the call to be pastor of Fayette Church, Union Association. He, his wife Terri, and daughter Heather have moved to Fayette where members of the church welcomed them with a pounding.

Michael Hunt preached his first sermon as pastor of Highland Church, Senatobia on Aug. 6, after serving for two and one-half years at Gore Springs, Grenada County. A native of Louisville, Miss., he graduated from Mississippi State and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Marcia and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ila Mae O'Keefe, live at 301 Crawford St., Senatobia, Miss. 38668.

Hunt

Albright

Whitfield

Calvary Church, Columbus, has added two staff members. They are **Ron Albright** as minister of music and youth and **Arthur Whitfield** as minister of education and activities. Albright received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Midwestern State University, Witchita Falls, Tex. He will complete his work toward the Master of Church Music Degree from New Orleans Seminary in October. He has served churches in Texas and Louisiana as minister of music and youth.

Mrs. Albright (Jeanette) received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Midwestern State University and is an elementary teacher.

Arthur Whitfield received a Bachelor's degree in Bible and Social Work from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master of Divinity and Master of Church Education degree from Reformed Seminary, Jackson.

He moved to Calvary from the Child Evangelism Fellowship. He and his wife, Ruth, are in charge of Children's Church. They have two sons, Dan, 9, and John, 3.

Jerry W. Stevens is pastor at Calvary.

First, McLain Will Celebrate 75th Year

First Church, McLain, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

"There will be history, music, inspirational talks, a fellowship dinner, and much more," states the pastor, Kenneth West.

Lowndes Baptists Hear Porter Routh

Porter W. Routh, executive-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, was the featured speaker at the Lowndes County Association annual meeting.

Routh

He spoke at the Immanual Church on Monday evening, Oct. 16, regarding Southern Baptist's Bold Mission Thrust.

Gene Henderson brought the message at Kolola Spring Church on Tuesday evening, October 17.

Lowndes County association is made up of 23 local churches.

Jerry Stevens is moderator.

Revival Dates

Puckett Church: Oct. 22-25; services on Sunday, and Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy O. Carr, pastor, evangelist; John E. Calhoun, music director; special music at each service.

Cruger Church (Holmes): Oct. 22-25; Larry Garner, Jackson, evangelist; Wilton Neal, Carrollton, music evangelist; services Sunday regular time, weekday 7:30 p.m.; Tom McLaughlin, pastor.

First, Carthage: October 22-27; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Perry C. Perkins, director of church minister relations, evangelist; J. B. Betts and daughter Marsha Betts, music evangelists; J. B. Miller, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): Oct. 22-27; Reggie Quimly of Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Ron Kenemeyer, music director; Nick Spring, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. plus lunch in the fellowship hall; during week at 7 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant (Smith): Oct. 22-27; at 7:30 nightly; Sunday at 11 followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon service but no Sunday night service; Jim Roberson, pastor of Mt. Horeb (Covington), evangelist; Bill Sullivan, music director; Mrs. Bill Sullivan, pianist; Mrs. Roland Houston, organist; Jerry Glen McRaney, pastor.

Northward Church, Gulfport: Oct. 23-29; Clovis H. Sturdivant, pastor, Calvary Church, Denham Springs, La., evangelist; 7 nightly; 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday; music under direction of Bobby McClellan, minister of music, Pass Road Church; Robert D. Wright, pastor.

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Off The Record

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SBC National Gifts Top $100 Million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Total giving by Southern Baptists on the national level topped $100 million for the first time in the Southern Baptist Convention's 133-year history, according to a report at the end of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

That figure — $105,330,123 — includes both undesignated giving to the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget for ongoing work of the denomination around the world and designated giving, mainly contributions to the SBC's home and foreign mission offerings.

Undesignated contributions through the Cooperative Program totaled $57,418,384, a $5,477,924 or 10.55 percent increase over the 1976-77 fiscal year. It exceeded the 1977-78 basic operating and capital needs budgets of SBC agencies by $2,338,384, which will be used for unmet Bold Mission Thrust needs. But it fell $5,981,616 under the total $63,400,000 goal, which includes $55,080,000 for basic operating and capital needs and $8,320,000 in Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds.

"We rejoice that the Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds will provide more than $2,338,000 in additional funds for areas of desperate mission needs," said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. The 10.55 percent increase is slightly more than the inflation factor, so it will mean some new thrust. We thank every church member, every pastor, every state leader for their significant help."

Designated contributions above the Cooperative Program figure totaled $47,911,740, which amounted to $5,466,116 or 12.88 percent more than last year's total.

The total figure of $105,330,123 exceeded last year's amount by $10,944,040, or 11.59 percent.

September, 1978, the final month of the fiscal year, showed a strong finish, with total contributions of $5,788,958, an increase of $843,978 or 17.07 percent over the same month for the previous year.

That monthly total included $5,014,015 in Cooperative Program gifts (an 11.73 percent increase) and $774,943 in designated gifts (a 69.45 percent increase over $457,338 the previous year).

Asheboro, N. C. (RNS) — A three-day dialogue between Southern Baptist and Episcopal ministers took place at Camp Caraway, a Baptist conference center near here. The 24 ministers present — 12 from each denomination — discussed such subjects as parish evangelism and community responsibility of the local church. Julian Cave, senior minister of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, delivered the keynote address on "The Gospel Mandate to Witness." The dialogue was the first in North Carolina between Southern Baptists and Episcopalians, and was part of a series of dialogues sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University. Previous dialogues in the series have involved Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Jews in encounters with Southern Baptists in the state.

Devotional

Laws For Living — Fasten Your Seat Belt

By James W. Street, Pastor, First, Wiggins
I Thessalonians 5:12-24
Matthew 6:19-24

It is there for all to see immediately upon entering a plane, the sign admonishing all passengers: "Fasten your seat belt." There is a purpose in seat belts; they protect you against the unexpected. They are intended for crisis situations, the situations that develop before you have time to think things through.

Street

All of this adds up to a kind of homey parable of life. There are times in life when crises develop, when you respond automatically, not really having time to think things through and balance one thing against another.

Somehow, for example, as a child you gained from your home a sense of honesty. It holds you fast when a sudden event occurs. Someone hands you a ten dollar bill thinking it is a one dollar bill. You are not tossed around by the temptation to keep the change — you are buckled in by a seat belt of integrity.

There is another angle to the seat belt analogy. Remember how the captain of the aircraft comes on after you are airborne?

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is Captain Smith. The seat belt sign has now been turned off. You may move around as you desire."

In other words, you use your seat belts at the proper time and there are other times when you move around. Some principles hold in all of life. On the other hand, life is not simply a moving around thing. There is need for balance and discrimination in it. Yet we can lose our balance by not observing the seat belt sign when it is on and by acting as though there were only moving around room in life.

There is moving around room within a frame of reference. There are times for seat belts to be fastened; there are times for moving around. Life takes off from somewhere; it always goes somewhere, like that airplane you were on. Remember? The voice comes on:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Captain has turned on the seat belt sign. We are making our final approach into Jackson." We've a past, we've a future.

We've all come from somewhere, we're all going somewhere. Life lands.

SCRAPBOOK

Autumn Psalm

The countryside is blazing
with Your glory, Lord
Grainheads are ambered
by the sun
Scarlet sumac edges every hedgerow .
Goldenrod glows saffron
by the road
Russet gumwoods tower
like mighty sentinels
Musty corn stalks rustle
in the wind
Brassy pumpkins flank
the huddled wheat staves
Thank You, Lord,
Autumn's here again.

—Helen Flechs Monroe

Bible Kings

Match the king with his kingdom:

OG	1. Persia
Cyrus	2. Israel
Tiglath-pileser	3. Bashan
Omri	4. Assyria
Ben-hadad	5. Judah
Eglon	6.Syria
Rehoboam	7. Moab

Answers:

O-3 (Numbers 21:33)
C-1 (II Chronicles 36:22)
T-4 (2 Kings 15:29)
O-2 (I Kings 16:16)
B-6 (II Chronicles 16:2)
E-7 (Judges 3:16-17)
R-5 (I Kings 14:21)

My Barns Are Filled

The harvest has been great and now
My barns and sheds are filled to the brim.
(This sounds just like the man in Luke —
Don't let me be like him!)

The cattle on a thousand hills
Belong to God — the hills also —
Who am I to say, " 'Tis mine,"
When barns and sheds o'erflow?

The first God wants from me is not
The harvest yield; it is my heart.
If first I belong to Him, then I will
Gladly return a part.

—Ruby Singley

Prayer Urged That PLO Won't Carry Out Threats

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists are being asked to pray that the Palestine Liberation Organization will not carry out its threat of attacks on American or western targets.

The call to specific prayer for the PLO leaders was issued by R. Keith Parks, director of the mission support division of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"As we continue to pray for President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin," Parks said, "we will want also to remember the Christians in that area as well as the missionaries and other Americans that are living there."

Intercessory prayer, Parks noted, "may be the most important thing that can be done to enable the carrying out of the Camp David agreements."

A high ranking guerrilla official of the PLO was quoted as saying that a decision had been made to strike against the United States and other western targets in reprisal against American leadership of the Camp David efforts for Middle East peace. No specific targets were identified.

Consider the lilies of the field,
Whose bloom is brief.
We are as they; like them we fade away
As doth the leaf.

—Christina Rossetti

Ah, if the rich were rich as the poor fancy riches! — Emerson

250 Attend Bassfield Celebration

At least 250 attended Bassfield Church Sunday, Oct. 8, to celebrate the church's 75th anniversary. These included many former pastors and former members and their families.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, preached at the morning service.

L. B. Atchison, missions director for Covington-Jeff Davis, presented historical information about the association, and the church from the time of its organization in 1903 to the present.

Eugene Farr and Luther M. Dorr, former pastors, told about incidents from days past.

Tommy Arinder, pastor, led in a dedication service. He related ways in which the church has served the community — "for the worship of God, for comfort to those who mourn, for the conversion of sinners, for the unity of people in Christian brotherhood."

The noon meal was served in the fellowship hall.

Several members presented special music. Others made statements about the impact the church has had on their lives.

Senior Adults To Tour Holy Land

NASHVILLE — The first Holy Land tour sponsored by the National Association of Baptist Senior Adults will be held November 16-25.

The 20,000 - member association is directed by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department. The tour departs from New York on November 16 and includes stops in Tel Aviv, Galilee, Jerusalem and Athens.

Persons do not have to be association members to participate in the tour, said Horace Kerr, supervisor of the senior adult section and one of the tour leaders.

Total cost for the tour is $1,300 which includes transportation, hotels, food, sightseeing, tips and airport taxes.

For more information, write Adelle Carlson, Family Ministry Department, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234.

A writer is rarely so well inspired as when he talks about himself — Anatole France

Life and Work Lesson

All Of Grace

By Bill Duncan
Long Beach, First
Matthew 20:1-16

"If he cannot be saved, then who can?" is the question the disciples asked Jesus Christ when they watched the rich young ruler walk away from Jesus' invitation. Jesus' sorrowful reply about how hard it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God startled the disciples. Then Peter reminded Jesus that he had left all to follow Him, "what would be my reward?"

Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven could be compared to a situation of a landowner who hired people to work in his vineyard at different times of the day. At the end of the day he paid them all the same wage. On the surface the action of the landowner was unjust, and the anger of those who had worked all day was understandable. But Jesus concludes the parable with the truth: "Thus will the last be first and the first last."

Vineyard Owner

The owner of the vineyard could have had less confusion if he had not reversed the order of employment. The person who had agreed to work all day for a penny could have been paid and dismissed. Instead the owner called the ones who had worked only one hour and paid them a penny. Each of the other laborers was also paid a penny. In the story the one who worked all day grumbled and said it was not fair.

Jesus told the story to illustrate a great truth in regard to man's service to God. The word "idle" referring to those who were hired later in the day does not mean lazy or loafing. It does mean workless. It was not that they did not want to work, but rather that they did not find an opportunity. The fact that there were still standing in the market place that late in the day indicates they wanted to work. "The waiting took more courage and interest than working." They were given credit not only for the work they did, but also for the work they would have done had they had the opportunity.

An Old Prayer

There is an old sixteenth-century prayer worth remembering: "Teach us to labor and not to ask for any other reward save that of knowing that we do thy will." Man is to labor not just to receive a reward, but the reward will be a by-product of our labor. The reward will be given by God as He decides. It is our task to do our best under the circumstances and leave the rewards to Him.

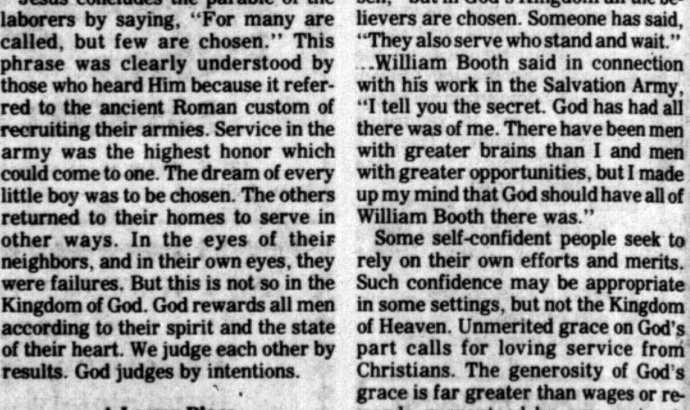
Jesus concludes the parable of the laborers by saying, "For many are called, but few are chosen." This phrase was clearly understood by those who heard Him because it referred to the ancient Roman custom of recruiting their armies. Service in the army was the highest honor which could come to one. The dream of every little boy was to be chosen. The others returned to their homes to serve in other ways. In the eyes of their neighbors, and in their own eyes, they were failures. But this is not so in the Kingdom of God. God rewards all men according to their spirit and the state of their heart. We judge each other by results. God judges by intentions.

A Lesser Place

It is hard to stay in a lesser place and keep a sweet and humble spirit when you see others getting ahead. Be assured that God knows we are waiting, and we need to keep our lives fresh and ready for Him.

It is true that in life "few are chosen," but in God's Kingdom all the believers are chosen. Someone has said, "They also serve who stand and wait." ...William Booth said in connection with his work in the Salvation Army, "I tell you the secret. God has had all there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I and men with greater opportunities, but I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth there was."

Some self-confident people seek to rely on their own efforts and merits. Such confidence may be appropriate in some settings, but not the Kingdom of Heaven. Unmerited grace on God's part calls for loving service from Christians. The generosity of God's grace is far greater than wages or rewards guaranteed by any contract. Our relationship to God is based on love and trust, not bargaining.



Chapparal Dedicates Multi-purpose Building

Chapparal Church (Wayne) dedicated a newly multi-purpose building on Oct. 1. The new structure is independent of the older one connected to it only by two covered walks.

Billy Whitaker, pastor, said, "The congregation feels that this new structure is going to be a real asset to our ongoing ministry, since it houses many of the required needs. Within this building are a nursery, restrooms, Sunday School space, and fellowship hall complete with kitchen.

The construction began in the fall of 1977. The majority of the work was done by the church membership, at a total cost of less than $10 per square foot. This cost also includes furnishings.

The church is free of indebtedness.

Uniform Lesson

The Clean Life

By Jackie C. Hamilton
Highland, Meridian
Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-30
John 8:1-11

The values of human life are given an important place in God's law. The family is exalted as the divine unit of society, and the marriage tie is shown to be a sacred relationship between the sexes.

I. The Sanctity Of Marriage

Marriage should not be profaned or desecrated by any action on the part of either partner to marriage. The Jewish people have always had a high standard of home life, and marriage has been kept pure and honorable. The Jewish wife enjoyed and still has a respect and honor far above others, except the Christian ideal.

The safeguard of the home and the purity of family life rests upon this base. All sins that precede marriage or come within marriage which nullify the sacred tie are condemned in this commandment.

The commandment is like a wall around the home and its true values. It protects the innocent, the young, and the loved one. The enemies of the pure life are all around: seducing pictures, intoxicating beverages, obscene literature, debasing pleasures, and lustful plays. All of these constitute a peril in our modern social structure.

Marriage as a total commitment implies that there is to be a oneness of being, and, therefore, God is to be involved in the partnership. There are always three parties to marriage —man, woman, and God. The civil bond that is made in marriage should have the religious bond as partner and thus give to marriage the best foundation.

The commitment of one life to another is the most intimate and most enduring experience of common life. Until that is entered into, neither a man nor a woman can possibly know what the Bible means in its revelation about marriage. God gave this institution at the beginning of the history of the race. His plan was directed toward the purity of life, the companionship of two lives, and the continuance of the race. The sanctity of marriage is a rapture of the minds and emotions of two people who "become one flesh."

This oneness of flesh is usually interpreted that the two who are joined in marriage are one through the physical union — this is the "one." However, another suggestion arises in the light of revelation and experience. Could this also point to the new life which results from the union? To "become one flesh" then could mean — that the two are now perpetrated in the "one" — that is the child born of that union and made in their likeness.

II. Love Or Lust
(Matthew 5:27-30)

The basis of marriage set forth in the Old Testament is that which has never been altered by God. Our Lord endorsed the revelation of that high and holy view, then he added the insight and teaching concerning the true spirit for this relationship. This commandment forbade the act of adultery when a man related himself to another woman other than his wife. But now comes a new and incisive thrust to the conscience concerning adultery. This deals not with the act but with the attitude of the inner life.

Appetites which are God-given and natural are legitimate in their right time and place. But appetites can become the instruments of sin when unrestrained. The casual glance, the lustful gaze, and the impure touch — these are the ways in which a man enters upon the downgrade to adultery. Temptation may come to call all healthy-minded people, but when the suggestion is retained in mind, nurtured by enticement, and suggestively sought as an experience in the imagination — then this is the beginning of sin. Job said he "made a covenant with his eyes."

Is there a cure? Yes, there is the discipline of purity. When our Lord speaks of "plucking out of the eye or cutting off a hand" He has stated the principle for the disciple to follow. To be safe from lust and to know what love is, this is the way of discipline and safety in the moral life. Obviously our Lord is not asking that physical amputation should be carried out. The rigorous demand of self-denial is stressed.

"The whole body . . . cast into hell . . ." are arresting words from the lips of Jesus. They speak of drastic and immediate action as necessary. The awful penalty of spurning his way is implied here. Sin persisted in and adultery indulged in bring the nemesis of punishment in the body and in the mind. To Christ marriage is the one enduring human relationship, to be broken only by fornication or death. There is a difficult saying, but it is the ideal, and marriage should not be entered upon lightly or carelessly, but with due regard for those ends for which it was ordained.

III. The Woman Taken In Adultery
(John 8:1-11)

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. While there He was teaching and among those that He taught were scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to trap him into a public mistake. They brought to him a woman "caught in adultery" and publicly accused her.

Acting like prosecuting attorneys, the scribes and Pharisees demanded a verdict from Jesus. They cited the Old Testament law that adulterers should be stoned. They thought they had put Jesus in a corner, because if He were to acquit the woman, He would be against the law of Moses; should He condemn her to death, He would be encroaching on the authority of the Romans.

The scribes and Pharisees pressed him for an answer, and his answer stunned them and exposed their hypocrisy. He eluded the carefully laid legal snare and turned the tables on the woman's accusers. Instead of her adultery becoming the issue, their moral conduct was the focus of his response.

Jesus spoke to the adulterer with compassion, and He exhorted her to forsake her sin, without condoning her wrongdoing. He upheld the sacred character and binding authority of the seventh command. He neither pronounced the sentence on her, nor acquitted her. Jesus opened the door for repentance. By giving her an opportunity to be converted, he did not excuse the sins of her past. By saying, "I do not condemn you," Jesus showed that no one is condemned to a hopeless repetition of past patterns of disobedience. The power of sin can be broken.

When a person comes to Christ, confesses his sin and finds forgiveness, the past is past — even for adulterers.

The same people who can deny others everything are famous for refusing themselves nothing. — Leigh Hunt